

Catholic Ladies' College



Mobile Phones [Student Use Of]

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Preamble

Catholic Ladies' College is a Mary Aikenhead Ministry in the tradition of the Sisters of Charity. We seek to develop in each member of our community a contemporary understanding and application of the charism of Mary Aikenhead, the spirituality of the Sisters of Charity, the mission and vision of Mary Aikenhead Ministries and their values of justice, love, compassion and hope.

In responding to this call Catholic Ladies' College is a Christ-centred community established to educate, in partnership with parents, women of faith, integrity, individuality and compassion, confident of their own worth as women and wholly involved in the transformation of society.

Guiding Principles

Catholic Ladies' College acknowledges parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone for personal safety reasons; however, the right of a student to have access to a mobile phone at College must be balanced with the responsibility to use it appropriately.

Mobile phones are an integral part of society and perform many important functions. In a school setting, however, mobile phones can be a distraction to student learning. Additionally, issues such as problematic mobile phone use negatively impacting a young person's wellbeing, mobile phone over-reliance and addiction, increased student passivity and promoting genuine social interaction and engagement are of increasing prevalence and concern. Through this policy, Catholic Ladies' College seeks to assist students in moderating and managing their mobile phone use.

Procedures

It is the College's policy that:

- Students and parents must agree to adhere to the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Agreement (located on PAM) before a student is permitted to bring their mobile phone to the College;
- Mobile phones must not be used between 8:40am and 3:20pm;
- Mobile phones must be kept in a student's locked locker between 8:40am and 3:20pm;
- Mobile phones are brought to the College at the owner's personal risk. No liability will be accepted by the College in the event of loss, theft or damage of the phone;
- Mobile phones must not be used inappropriately. Refer to the College's Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Cyber Safety and Information and Communication Technology Policies;
- Students must not photograph or record any person within the College grounds;
- Parents should avoid contacting their daughter on her mobile phone during school hours. In the case of emergency, parents should contact the College directly.

Breach of Procedures

Students who are found using their mobile phone between 8:40 am and 3:20 pm will have the phone confiscated and stored at Student Reception for the duration of the day.

Any mobile phone being used inappropriately will be taken by the student to Student Reception with an accompanying note from the issuing teacher. This note will be signed and stamped and returned by the student to the issuing teacher. The student will be able to collect their phone from the front office upon presentation of their note and student ID at the end of the school day.

For a second breach of using a mobile phone inappropriately, the above procedures will be followed.

A third breach will require a parent to collect the mobile phone.

A fourth breach will require parents to attend a meeting at the College.

Implementation

All College staff are responsible implementing the Mobile Phone (Student Use Of) Policy.

Intended Audience

Catholic Ladies' College staff, parents and students.

Related policies and guidelines

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy

Cyber Safety Policy

Information and Communication Policy

Social Media Policy

Privacy Policy