

Rationale

To ensure that schools provide clear policy guidelines on the use of mobile phones as mobile phones are not a learning device.

Details

The school has guidelines to cover the usage of mobile phones and electronic devices during school hours. The school will endeavour to provide education on cyberbullying for parents/carers and students.

In the case of school excursions or school camps involving an overnight stay, the school does not allow students to carry mobile phones (staff mobile phone numbers will be made available to parents/carers for emergency purposes).

NCS accepts that parents/carers give their children mobile phones as there is an ever-increasing concern in relation to children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. This will usually be the only reason permitted for a child to have a mobile phone at school. If parents/carers wish to contact their child, in an emergency, the NCS school office should be the contact point.

However, mobile phones must be kept in the student's school bag all day as students are not permitted to use their mobile phones at all during the day. Any mobile phone being used during the day will be confiscated and students will be given a lunch detention. Confiscated mobile phones will be kept in the front office. Students will be allowed to collect their mobile phones at the conclusion of the school day. Should this situation occur on a frequent basis, parents/carers may be asked to collect the phone from the school office. The school can take no responsibility for the security of any electronic items brought onto school premises.

Mobile phone cameras (still and video) must not be used:

- in inappropriate locations such as changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools
- to film people and their activities without their knowledge or permission
- to send harassing or threatening messages.

Related Documents

Cyber Safety Policy

Secondary Discipline Policy

Excellent Digital Citizenship

Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract

Acceptable communication (online) Policy (Students)

BYOD Equity Policy