



MOBILE PHONES & PRIVATE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (STUDENTS USE OF) POLICY

To bring up a child, that is to instruct a child in the truths of Religion, to form the child to virtue and to teach love of God is a more sublime and more noble function than governing the world..
(In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat XX 496-497)

Context

Newman 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 the College must be balanced with the responsibility to use it appropriately.

It is our policy that:

- Students at the Lavalla Campus must sign and return a Student Mobile Consent Form before they are permitted to bring their mobile phones to school;
- Mobile phones are brought to school at the owner's own risk. No liability will be accepted by the College in the event of loss, theft or damage of the phone;
- No calls or messages are to be made or taken on mobile phones and/or devices between the hours of 8.40am and 3.15pm, unless permission is given;
- As of 2020, mobile phones and/or devices cannot be carried by students throughout the school day and must be switched off, or on silent and placed in their locker. Mobile phones that can be seen or heard may be confiscated by the teacher and a consequence issued;
- Staff should be alerted and exceptions requested if a student has special circumstances requiring the use of their mobile phone and/or devices during school hours (e.g. health issues);
- Mobile phones and/or devices must not be brought into exams or class assessments as per our Assessment Policy;
- Mobile phones must not be used inappropriately. Refer to our Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Cyber Safety and Information and Communication Technology Policies;
- Phone cameras are not to be used within the College grounds unless express permission is granted by a staff member for learning purposes. Phone use would be particularly inappropriate in any change rooms or toilets;
- Students should never photograph or record any person without their express permission;
- Reports of all incidents of misuse of mobile phones will be recorded and retained on the student's file; and
- Parents are to be informed that in cases of emergency, the College remains an appropriate point of contact to reach their child quickly.