



Nagle College – Mobile Phone Policy

Rationale

This policy is informed by Child Safe Legislation.

The College recognises that mobile phones enrich our lives when used appropriately and that, as a College, we encourage appropriate and creative use of technological resources. We also acknowledge that when used inappropriately mobile phones can be a distraction to learning and teaching and pose a risk to people's wellbeing. This policy outlines the College's expectations of students and their conduct when using a mobile phone.

It is at the Parent/Guardian's discretion as to whether their child brings a mobile phone to school. If a student does bring a mobile phone to school, they are agreeing to comply with the contents of this policy. Students who bring a mobile phone to the College do so at their own risk and any loss, damage or theft of mobile phone is their responsibility (each student has a lockable locker).

Nagle College reserves the right to stipulate conditions for use at particular times. Students and Parents/Guardians will be advised of College expectations and the policy requirements, including use during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.

This policy has at its heart our three School-Wide Expectations:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Excellence

Acceptable Use - During school hours

Students:

1. Will keep their mobile devices switched off and in their locker between 8.45am and 3.20pm
2. Can use their mobile phones appropriately before school, briefly at recess and lunch breaks at their locker only.

(Parents and students will be notified on the permission letter if phones may be used on a school excursion or camp.)

Unacceptable Use - During school hours

Students must not:

1. Have their mobile in class.
2. Use non-school Wi-Fi to access the mobile network. This includes the use of a smart watch, airpods or other device with access to mobile broadband.
3. Use mobile phones in banned spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools.



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4. Take photos, film or stream any individual or group and their activities without their knowledge or permission and the consent of the College.
5. Upload or share any photo or video files to social media sites. Use mobile phones to send harassing or threatening messages.
6. Access inappropriate or illegal materials or bring the College or any member of its community into disrepute.

Consequences

If a student has their phone in class or the general yard between 8.45am and 3.20pm, the phone will be confiscated by the teacher and handed to the Student Services. This will be recorded by Student Services staff on Simon.

1. The first time this occurs, the student can collect the phone at the end of the school day.
2. The second time this occurs, the student can collect the phone at the end of the school day and parents will be notified by SMS.
3. The third time this occurs, Parents/Guardians will be notified by the relevant School Coordinator and a Parent/Guardian will be required to collect the phone at their earliest convenience.
4. The fourth time this occurs, Parents/Guardians will be notified by the relevant School Coordinator and a Parent/Guardian will be required to attend a meeting with the Deputy Principal - Pastoral and the relevant School Coordinator to discuss their child's breach of the policy and collect the phone. Additional consequences may be discussed at this meeting.

If a student is found;

- Photographing, filming or streaming people without their or the College's consent.
- Or sending harassing or threatening messages, the student's phone will be confiscated immediately, and an investigation will be undertaken by the College. The College will apply appropriate consequences and pass information and the phone over to the police if the nature of the matter is illegal.

For matters of importance; students who need to contact their Parents/ Guardians are to do so through the office. Parents/Guardians who need to contact their child are reminded that this should be done via contacting the school office – Student Reception.

NOTE: If, on any occasion a student refuses to hand over their mobile phone when requested by a teacher, the teacher will request assistance from a senior member of staff. If the student still refuses to comply, Parents/Guardians will be contacted and required to collect their student from the College and make an appointment to resolve the issue.

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