



Cann River P-12 College

Mobile Phone Policy

The use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices in class can be disruptive to the learning environment of students and should be discouraged. It is acknowledged however that in some circumstances such devices can be appropriately incorporated into the learning program.

Mobile phone cameras (still and video) must not be used in spaces where these are banned, for example changing rooms, gyms or swimming pools. Using mobile camera (still and video) to film people and their activities without their knowledge and/or permission is an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.

Schools which decide to allow the use of mobile phones should clearly and regularly advise students, parents and guardians of their expectations with regard to these devices.

- Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of a school
- Students should have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during classes
- Students should only use their mobile phones before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks
- There are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for students to have access to a mobile phone; for example, need to contact parents or guardians in emergencies
- The policy applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities
- It is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone
- Mobile phone cameras (still and video) are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets
- Appropriate action should be taken against any student who photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages
- Disciplinary action should be taken against any student/s who is/are caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments
- Students should ensure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place
- Mobile phones are used at their owners' risk
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage
- Students are only allowed to use mobile phones in class with teacher permission
- Students should not bring inappropriate photographs, for example rude, violent or racially offensive images to school. The sharing of such images by sending or showing other students is not acceptable
- If students use phones inappropriately they will be confiscated

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