



Mobile Phone Device Policy

VISION: Clare High School is a learning community that inspires, supports and challenges every young person to engage in achieving success, fostering education, social development and wellbeing.

'To Seek a Worthy Goal'

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RATIONALE:

Clare High School acknowledges that mobile phones serve a purpose in both personal and professional contexts, and have a place in the lives of everyone in our community. It is our view that mobile phones must be handled in a mature and responsible fashion and in such a way that does not hinder the education process or personal wellbeing.

The responsible use of a mobile phone extends beyond the school environment and is applicable at all times within the general community. At the same time, they can present a serious risk to student safety, wellbeing and learning. These risks are clearly defined under the Department for Education's Legislative Framework that includes Child Protection Curriculum, WHS, and Duty of Care responsibilities of education staff outlined in the Education Act.

POLICY AIMS:

- To continue to ensure that student learning outcomes and achievement are our primary focus.
- To safeguard and promote the wellbeing of all school members.

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION:

- If a student requires the use of a mobile phone before or after school, and therefore possesses it at school, then it must be *turned off* or *silenced* and kept in their bag or locker during the school day.
- No student is permitted to use a mobile phone device at any part of the school day whilst on school grounds
 - By exception, senior secondary students accessing the Library for study will have the privilege of using their device to listen to music whilst doing their study in that space, but no other spaces.
- Using a mobile phone to create a personal hotspot that bypasses the school network is prohibited.
- Parents / Caregivers who need to contact their child during the school day are expected to do so by phoning Student Services (8842 2788). Likewise, students are expected to use Student Services to contact their parents if a need arises.
- Staff are expected to refrain from using mobile phones in class and on yard duty. Usage is to be limited to office spaces. For security reasons, it is reasonable for staff to keep their phone on them for use in an emergency.
- The details of this policy implementation extend to all camps and excursions. Exceptions may be approved by Senior Leadership if, as part of the camp/excursion proposal and risk assessment, an appropriate case for usage is submitted by the lead teacher.

OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES:

- If the possession and use of a mobile phone is required for a specific issue or matter of urgency by any student, or as part of the student's NEP or Healthcare Plan, then this request must be made by a parent or caregiver to the Principal in writing. The Principal reserves the right to reject such a request. The student will be clearly identified in Daymap.
- Any usage in class will be limited to Senior Secondary (Yr 11 & 12) students. Such usage will be recorded in the approved Learning and Assessment Plan for that class and submitted at the beginning of the course (ad hoc approval will not be granted, nor will any request deemed non-educational).
- Any inappropriate use of phones on the school bus will result in enactment of the SBM procedures as required.

CONSEQUENCES FOR POLICY BREACHES:

1. The mobile phone is confiscated and a SMS is sent to inform the parent to collect the phone from the Assistant Principal
 - For Year 12 Students, consequences will also involve the loss of future Study Room privileges. (e.g. listening to music using the phone)
2. As per (1), and enactment of further SBM procedures in line with the school's SBM Policy.

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

The school's Leadership Team and Governing Council last ratified this policy in ...



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