

Definition

"Electronic devices" include mobile phones, headphones, earphones, smart watches and any other visual or audio electronic device that a student carries for personal use or is not for use as part of the daily school curriculum.

Rationale

Mobile phones are an important communication medium in today's world. However, there are restrictions on the use of mobile phones at Sacred Heart College, given classroom protocols (such as avoiding disruptions by phone calls or texting messages) and the integrity of learning and assessment requirements. These devices should not interrupt proceedings in classrooms or other places of learning on the College campuses.

Head/earphones: Modern technology provides the potential for students to bring many hours of recorded music or other audio material to school for their personal use. However, research is clear that such devices easily distract the attention of students from teacher's directed learning and from the process of learning itself.

Increasingly there are situations when students need to listen to podcasts, lectures and videos accompanied by audio. This should only occur in consultation with the classroom teacher or library staff.

There is also the possibility that these electronic devices could be inappropriately used, lost or damaged.

The development of interpersonal skills is integral to the holistic educational plan of the College and electronic

Management Protocol

Students misusing mobile phones or other electronic devices will have the device confiscated. This item is to be placed at the Front Office clearly labelled with the Name and House.

This is to be recorded on SEQTA.

The student can redeem the item at the end of the day but the Head of House will arrange a penalty for this breach in code of conduct.

In cases of repeat offenders, the Director of Students may require the student's parent to redeem the item from the College.