



MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES POLICY

Rationale:

Narre Warren South P-12 College recognises that there are times when it is genuinely appropriate and useful for students to have access to a mobile phone and other mobile technologies. The increased use of mobile technologies in our community has raised concerns with security, monitoring, privacy and potential for misuse.

Definition:

For the purposes of this policy, mobile technologies include any form of transportable technologies which can be used for storage, communication and learning in the College environment. This includes MP3 players, USB storage devices, iPods, digital cameras, mobile phones, personal game platforms, notebook computers, etc.

Objectives:

To implement the Code of Conduct and protect all students' rights to learn in an environment free from distractions.

This policy is aimed at managing the use of technologies as they relate to personal student use. Narre Warren South P-12 College recognises:

- the use of mobile technologies is subject to State and Federal legislation;
- that it must embrace new technologies and include them in learning and teaching programs;
- the contribution of new technologies to the development of education and social wellbeing;
- the importance of developing responsible use of technology;
- the importance of making students aware of relevant legislation;
- the importance of social interaction and communication;
- the importance of maintaining the security of student property.

Implementation:

Mobile technologies may be used through the school day provided all the following processes are followed.

- Students may only use mobile technologies in the classroom with teacher permission.
- Phones should be set in 'silent' or 'vibrate' mode.
- Any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home must arrange this through Sick Bay. Under no circumstances may students use either mobile or pay phones to contact home and make arrangements to leave.
- Mobile technologies are brought to and kept at school entirely at their owner's risk. The College will not accept any responsibility for theft, loss, damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile technologies usage.
- Students and parents/guardians should recognise that mobile technologies are a target for theft and should always be stored securely.
- Parents/guardians and students should ensure that mobile technologies are properly and adequately insured as personal property.
- To abide with Privacy regulations mobile phones with digital camera functions are banned from any change rooms.
- Non-observance or breaches of these guidelines may result in the mobile technologies being confiscated and privileges restricted or withdrawn.
- If a mobile technology is confiscated, it will need to be collected from the appropriate Year Level Coordinator at the end of the school day.

- Any student found using mobile technologies inappropriately such as for the purpose of bullying, may experience more severe consequences such as suspension or expulsion.
- Teachers will not be responsible for minding student mobile technologies as a result of a student request under any circumstances.

Students must sign an undertaking to use the technologies responsibly. This includes:

- Using the technologies independently and for an established learning purpose.
- During SACs and examinations no form of mobile technology is permitted.
- Using technologies ONLY with the expressed permission of the supervising teacher.
- Not using technologies to harass intimidate or discriminate against others.
- Not using the technologies in any manner to diminish the reputation of Narre Warren South P-12 College, its staff or students.
- Students have sole responsibility for the safe and secure storage of the technologies
- Staff have the right to confiscate mobile technology devices and hold for parent/guardian or student collection if used inappropriately. (see Appendix A)

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's four year review process.

Appendices:

Appendix A: [Mobile Phone Technologies Breach of Student Guidelines](#)