



MOBILE PHONE/PERSONAL HANDHELD DEVICE/WEARABLE DEVICE POLICY

General

Pupils are not permitted to use any handheld device/ mobile phone/ wearable device to access a cellular network, to access internet (cellular based/school network based), to record video, to record audio, to take photographs or to send messages while in the school grounds or while taking part in school related activities.

Pupils may not connect any device to the internal school network/internet without prior permission from a teacher/school principal.

Pupils may not connect any device to a cellular network while on school grounds or while taking part in school related activities.

Pupils who breach the terms of this policy may be dealt with under the school's Code of Discipline.

Mobile Phones

All pupils who bring mobile phones to school must switch them off before entering the school grounds and keep them switched off while in school and while taking part in school related activities. Any child found in possession of a mobile phone that is switched on during school will have it taken from him and the mobile phone will be given to the school principal. The phone will be returned when the parent/guardian calls to the school to collect it.

Any parent/guardian wishing to contact their child in school may phone the school office at any time.

Any pupil wishing to contact a parent/guardian may do so on the school phone with the permission of his teacher.

The Board of Management of St. Canice's Boys' School does not accept liability for mobile phones lost, damaged or stolen on the school grounds or while pupils are taking part in school related activities.



Personal Handheld Devices/Wearable Devices

Pupils may not use personal handheld devices (e.g. Personal Games consoles, tablets MP3 player etc.)/Wearable Devices (e.g. Smartwatches/headsets etc.) while in school or while taking part in school related activities.

Such devices include any device that can

- can connect to another mobile device
- can connect to either a cellular network and/or internal data/internet network/GPS
- have recording capabilities

Any pupil found in possession of a personal handheld device/wearable device that is switched on during school will have it taken from him and the device will be given to the school principal. The personal handheld device/wearable device will be returned when the parent/guardian calls to the school to collect it.

The Board of Management of St. Canice's Boys' School does not accept liability for personal handheld devices lost, damaged or stolen on the school grounds or while pupils are taking part in school related activities.

Remote Learning

Parents may permit children to use certain suitable handheld devices in the home for the purposes of school-led remote learning. Parents would ideally supervise in so far as possible when children use devices for any school-led remote learning activities.

The Internet Acceptable Use Policy outlines the strategies that will help to maximise school-led learning opportunities while assisting in reducing the risk associated with the use of internet for our pupils. The expectations of pupils are clearly outlined in the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and pupils should adhere to this policy for the purposes of any school-led remote learning.

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