



POLICY STATEMENT

PRIVATE ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE

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RATIONALE This policy outlines the use of private electronic devices, such as mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players, within Nagle Catholic College. Mobile phones and electronic devices are a part of modern society and the College accepts that many students will possess mobile phones and electronic devices. Phones are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety is concerned. However, teachers and students have a right to teach and to learn in a classroom environment free from interruption by mobile phones and other electronic devices.

DEFINITION The term 'private electronic device' used in this policy will encompass all mobile, personal telecommunication apparatus, including smartphones and tablets capable of accessing mobile networks and other portable technology designed for listening/viewing media such as iPods and MP3 players.

PROCEDURES **Acceptable Student Use**

- Students' private electronic devices that are brought to school may not be used at Nagle Catholic College at any time between 8:15am and 3:15pm.
- Private electronic devices are not to be used during off site activities, such as camps or excursions.
- Private electronic devices must be switched off during these hours and secured safely by the student.
- Should an **urgent** or **exceptional** situation arise where a student needs to contact a parent or guardian, this may be done from the Front Office.

Sanctions

- If a student fails to comply with the acceptable use guidelines, they will be asked by their teacher to switch off the device and put it away out of sight.
- The teacher will issue the student with a detention for using the private electronic device during school hours (record on SEQTA and communicated to parents).
- If the student accumulates three detentions for private electronic device use within a Term, they will be issued with an after school detention.
- The College accepts no responsibility for replacing private electronic devices that are lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises.