



Connected Devices Policy

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Ryan Catholic College accepts that connected devices are a part of modern society. The College accepts that many students will possess mobile phones and various electronic devices. These are not compulsory devices either for a student's safety at the College or their access to teaching and learning. This policy is directed towards the students developing self-regulation and ethical, responsible use of these mobile devices.

Connected devices for the purposes of this policy include mobile telephones and wearable devices capable of internet access (either cellular, bluetooth or Wi-Fi). The College recognises the evolving nature of this technology and reserves the right to determine on an individual basis whether a particular device is being used by a student in a way that brings it within the purview of this policy.

INTRODUCTION

This policy addresses the need for the College to provide consistent and clear expectations regarding the use of connected devices during College hours on Campus and College sanctioned events.

RATIONALE

Ryan Catholic College accepts that parents/carers may choose to allow their child to own and carry connected devices.

The purpose of this policy is to have teaching and learning spaces that are free of distractions so that students have opportunities to engage socially and form connections with other people in the College community. It also enables all staff to exercise their duty of care by ensuring that students are safe at the College.

POLICY DIRECTIVE

- Students should take measures to ensure they take responsibility for the safety and identification of their connected devices.
- The College accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their connected devices stolen while travelling to and from the College.
- The College accepts no responsibility for connected devices brought to the College.
- Students are not to have access to their mobile phone before school and during school hours.
- Students are to keep their mobile phone in their personal locker (Years 7-12) or give it to the classroom teacher (Years P-6) for the teacher to secure.
- Any connected device that becomes a distraction and disrupts learning will be confiscated.
- Students are to remove Apple Watches prior to any exams.
- Excursions and camps - students may be given permission by the staff member to use their connected device.
- During school hours parents are required to make contact with their child via the College office. This will ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted in the appropriate way.

- Students are to engage in the use of their connected devices in an ethical way, that neither harms or damages any person, organisation or their reputation. Students are educated through the curriculum, to be effective, thoughtful and ethical digital consumers and creators.

CONSEQUENCES

Students who infringe the expectations set out in this policy will have their devices confiscated by staff. Consequences will be escalated by the Principal, Deputy Principal or Principal's delegate on subsequent offending. The connected device will be taken to a secure place within the College and students will be dealt with through the College Positive Behaviour Management processes.

REFERENCES

[TCEO Policy - Acceptable Use of Technology](#)
[RCC Positive Behaviour Management Policy](#)
<https://www.arm.com/glossary/connected-device>

Revision History:

- [October 2022](#)
- [September 2019](#)