

Mobile Telecommunication Devices Policy

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

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

Mobile telecommunication devices for the purposes of this policy include mobile telephones and wearable devices capable of internet access (either cellular network 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 mobile telecommunication devices during school hours on the Ryan Campuses and school sanctioned events.

RATIONALE

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

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

POLICY DIRECTIVE

1. Students should take measures to ensure they take responsibility for the safety and identification of their mobile telecommunication devices.
2. The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their mobile devices stolen while travelling to and from school.
3. The school accepts no responsibility for mobile devices brought to school.
4. Students are not to have access to the device before school and during school hours.
5. Students are to keep the device in their personal locker (Years 7-12) or give it to the classroom teacher (Years P-6) for the teacher to secure.
6. Excursions and camps - students may be given permission by the staff member to use their device.
7. Students must have their parent sign a permission form if their teacher requires the student to use the device for their subject.
8. 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.

CONSEQUENCES

Students who infringe the expectations set out in this policy will have their devices confiscated by teachers. Consequences will be escalated by the Principal, Deputy Principal or Principal's delegate on subsequent offending. The mobile device will be taken to a secure place within the College.