



# Communication Devices Policy (2018)

## Rationale

- De La Salle College recognises that the vast majority of students bring mobile phones to school.
- This policy sets out the guidelines for student's use of their device/s whilst at school.
- De La Salle College also recognises that mobile device/s play an ever increasing role in the education environment and use of these devices are at the discretion of the classroom teacher and Year Coordinator.
- For the purpose of this policy communication device/s includes, but is not limited to iPods, MP3 players, mobile phones, iPhones, iTouch, pagers and accessories e.g. headphones.
- The College accepts no responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen device. These items are brought to school at the student's own risk.

## Conditions

While at school the following conditions apply:

- A student's device must always be switched off or on silent.
- Devices can only be used during class for specific educational purposes with the permission of the teacher. They are not to be used to listen to music.
- If a student for any reason urgently requires contact with a parent or family member, they must have permission from a staff member. The contact must be made in the College office.
- A student is not permitted to use their device once they have entered the school property before school and cannot use their device until the end of the school day.
- Headphones are not to be used or seen at **any time** (including: Playground, Library etc) while on school property without the permission of a staff member.

## Consequences and Return Procedure

Failure to adhere to the above conditions will result in the following consequences:

1. In the first instance, the device will be confiscated for the day and kept in the office. The student will need to report to their Year Coordinator at the end of the day and will be issued with a warning.
2. In the second instance, the device will be confiscated for the day and kept in the office. The student will need to report to their Year Coordinator at the end of the day and a 40 minute detention will be issued.
3. In the third instance, the device will be confiscated for the day and kept in the office. The student will need to report to their Year Coordinator at the end of the day and a 1 hour detention will be issued.
4. Any further instances will result in the student being placed on a mobile phone monitoring card which will require the student's phone to be checked into the office each day and collected each afternoon.

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