



**CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

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# **Mobile Phone Management During the School Day**

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## 1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the policy regarding use of a student's personal mobile phone during the hours of schooling from 8:30am until 2:55pm each week day. This policy does not cover use of the students' mobile phones in transit to and/or from school.

## 2. Rationale:

This policy will ensure that mobile phone use during school hours is managed in a consistent way. It will ensure the students, parents/carers and teachers all understand the rules of the College surrounding the use of mobile phones during normal school hours.

## 3. Policy Statement:

Chisholm Catholic College is committed to the most effective educational, pastoral and religious practices for our students, in the context of the Catholic Dialogue School. The College therefore proactively manages the use of mobile phones during the school day to ensure they have no deleterious effects on any aspect of a student's school life. The College is committed to the health and safety of the school community and the effective management of mobile phone use, in a transparent and consistent way, contributes positively to maintaining health and safety of everyone in our College community – both staff and students, on every school day.

## 4. Principles:

In managing the use of mobile phones during the school day, the following principles apply:

- People focus: build trusting relationships by respecting individuals and promoting the use of proper, positive communication channels within the College.
- Local resolution: resolve issues with mobile phones promptly, at the school level, not involving parents or carers unless absolutely necessary.
- Responsiveness: the response is consistent, fair and timely.
- Objectivity and fairness: apply procedures fairly and withhold judgement.
- No detriment: students are not adversely impacted by not having access to their mobile phone during the school day. They use clearly defined and well-known procedures to make contact with home when necessary or vary their school day to attend appointments and meet other commitments.
- Learn, improve, grow: improving communication and interpersonal skills by learning NOT to rely on a mobile phone.

- 4.1 The use of the mobile phone, within the scope of this policy, is during the normal hours of the school day – from 8:30am – 2:55pm. Misuse outside these hours, but while on school premises will fall within the scope of the Behaviour Management Policy of the College. Misuse outside these hours, involving members of the staff or student body will fall within the scope of the College Behaviour Management Policy and may contravene the Law.

**5. Definitions:**

- **Mobile Phone:** a mobile phone (also known as a wireless phone, cell phone or cellular telephone) is a small, portable radio telephone. This phone can also appear as a watch and be worn in the same way. It can make and receive calls, text, other messages, take photos and give directions, as well as having many other capabilities, while moving within the phone service area or connected to Wi-fi. Mobile phones are also known as SMART phones or SMART Devices and are used to communicate in a wide variety of ways.

**6. Procedures:**

6.1 School Rule: Mobile phones (including SMART watches), if brought to school, are to be kept in lockers between the hours of 8:30am and 2:55pm or left at home. They are to be turned off during these hours.

6.2 If a student is in breach of the school rule (6.1 above) the following consequences will apply:

