



Mater Dei Catholic College

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MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Purpose:

To restrict all student access to their mobile phones during school hours.

Relevant to:

All staff, students and parents

Responsible Officer(s):

Principal, Assistant Principal, Leadership Team, House Leaders, All Staff

Date of Introduction:

January 2020

Date of Review:

March 2024

January 2024

Modification History:

November 2023

April 2023

January 2023

June 2022

January 2020



Rationale and Policy Statement:

Stage 4 of the phone policy will be introduced at the commencement of the 2024 school year which places further restrictions on the use of Mobile Phones during school hours and for all year groups. The following changes and updated policy is as follows:

Mobile Phone Policy - Term 1 2024:

Before and After School

- No phone use by any students before school. This also applies to students using the Resource Centre after school.
- The Bus stop and carpark are excluded from this policy.

Recess and Lunchtime

- No phone use by any students

Canteen

- Students are allowed access to phones at the canteen and use their phone to purchase food.
- Students must put phones away after being served at the canteen.

All playground areas; Courtyard + North West and Courts + North East and Hall + Peace Garden + G4 + Oval + Resource Centre + Cafe

- No phone use in these areas.
- Mobile phones are not to be used or seen, and should be in a student's pocket or in their bag.
- Any students who are seen with their phone during these times are to be sent to the front office and wait for a Leadership Team member. The Incident will be chronicled on Compass.
- 1st offence - The students phone will be placed in the office phone pocket for the remainder of the day.
- 2nd offence - Parents contacted and phone stays in the Office phone pocket for 2 days.

Front Office

- Students who need to make a phone call need to report to the front office to seek permission.
- Phone calls will occur in the proximity of the front office .

We reiterate that it is our strong preference that mobile phones are not brought to the College by students each day. We appreciate that for a variety of reasons, parents/carers support their children having their phone at school. If they are brought to site, devices must be used according to the College's Mobile Phone Policy and procedures. Any inappropriate use of a personal device may result in referral to the relevant authorities. All students are involved in presentations by the Police Youth Liaison Officer about the appropriate and responsible use of personal devices.