



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices Policy

The Western Australian State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy which took effect Term 1, 2020. Cyril Jackson SC ESC developed a set of student responsibilities which all students are expected to adhere to on Campus. This is a timely reminder of the Policy in place at CJSC ESC.

The policy covers a range of devices, specifically mobile phones but also includes smart-watches, tablets, laptops and earphones.

As a student, responsibilities during class time include:

- Switching off mobile phones or having them on silent before entering classrooms, which includes the library
- Switching smart-watches and other communication devices to 'flight mode' during all lessons
- Keeping electronic devices out of sight
- Not using Headphones/Earphones during class time

However, students may be exempted if approval from the principal is received to use a phone to monitor a health condition.

As per the Department of Education Policy, the use of mobile phones or other electronic devices on Campus for photographing or filming people including staff and students is not permitted.

Please note the security of personal items including technological devices is students responsibility. The Campus takes no responsibility for the recovery of these items if they are lost or stolen.

CONDITIONS OF USE:

Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone onto school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes (ie - contact parents after school to arrange pick-up times).

Mobile phones to be turned OFF and out of sight during school hours of 8am – 2.30pm

The use of mobile phones at recess and lunchtime is PROHIBITED. If students use their mobile phone during school hours, students will be asked to put their mobile phone away and a first warning will be issued.

CJSC ESC has a Duty of Care of all students who attend and instances that require emergency contact with parents will be conducted by a staff member and/or Principal.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE MISUSE OF MOBILE PHONES AT CJSC ESC:

FIRST WARNING: If a student is found using his/her mobile phone they will be asked to put it in their bag and/or out of sight.

SECOND WARNING: If a student is found a second time using his/her mobile phone it will be taken to admin where the student can collect the phone at the end of the day.

THIRD WARNING: If a student is found a third time using his/her mobile phone it will be taken to admin where a parent/carer will be called to come and collect the phone.

Students will be able to call home from classroom or admin phones.

Parents/Carers can call the school if they need to speak with their child.

Finally, we know that your phone is important to you, but we also know that interacting and communicating with your peers is even more important in developing positive and respectful relationships. As a Campus we aim to support you as an individual including your social engagement with your peers. So let's all start talking and reduce our screen time.

CJSC ESC appreciates your ongoing support, if you wish to discuss this further please contact Admin on 9413 4850.