

Salesian Secondary College

Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick.

Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile Phones & Learning

Mobile phones have become a powerful source of communication and learning. While restrictions to their use must apply in a variety of circumstances – meetings, classrooms, etc.; nonetheless, in Salesian Secondary College we recognise that mobile phones can enhance learning, and can be used to powerful positive effect.

Use of Mobile Phones in Salesian Secondary College

Teachers may encourage the appropriate use of mobile phones in pursuit of learning, in classrooms and other learning settings within the school.

Restriction on Use of Mobile Phones

- Incidents where students use a mobile phone to bully others by sending offensive messages or calls will be investigated under the Anti-Bullying policy by the school. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.
- Where students bring a mobile phone to school, the phone must be switched off during class times, unless otherwise directed by teachers. **The phone may be used during morning break (11am to 11.15am) and lunch break (1.15 to 1.55).** Parents should not contact their son / daughter directly. All contact between the school, parents and son / daughter should be made via the school office.
- If a phone simply goes off in class and it is a first time, then the phone is confiscated until the end of the school day. If it happens again, it will be confiscated until the end of the next school day.
- If a student is using a phone without permission in class or on school grounds, outside of the allocated time, for any reason, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the school day. Should this happen a second time, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the next school day.
- No photographs or recording either video or audio can be made on the phone on the school premises without the schools permission. Using phone in such a way can seriously infringe on people's privacy and rights.
- Any further breaks of this policy will be dealt with as a discipline issue by the student's Year Head.

The school accepts no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to mobile phones. The safety and security of mobile phones is wholly a matter for students/parents/guardians. The policy will be reviewed in December and again at the end of this academic year.

Signed by Parent / Guardian: _____

Signed by Student: _____

Print Student Name: _____