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Beaufort College Mobile Devices Policy

Definition

“Mobile Devices” refer to mobile phones, earphones, Air Pods, iPads, tablets, smart watches, and gaming devices. (List not exhaustive and subject to change).

Rationale

This policy has been devised to confirm the place of Mobile Devices as Teaching, Learning and Assessment aids in Beaufort College. This policy promotes the positive mental health and wellbeing of our school community taking cognizance of the emerging research on the impact of these devices on the mental health of young people.

School Expectations

- Students will have all mobile devices switched off and secured on entering *the school campus* each day.
- Devices must *always* remain switched off and out of sight, including the break of class and during breaktimes.
- Students may use a mobile device in class upon the specific direction of the teacher provided it supports teaching, learning & assessment of the class.
- Communication between students and their Parent/Guardian will be facilitated through the school office during the school day.
- Note: In medical/SEN situations, noise reduction devices may be permitted at the discretion of the SEN Department and approved by the Senior Leadership Team.

Policy Implementation

- Any student who fails to meet the expectations outlined above will have their mobile phone confiscated until the following Friday (same week).
- If a phone is confiscated on Friday, it will be retained until Friday of the following week.
- The confiscated phone will be available for return at reception after 3.50 PM on the relevant Friday.
- Repeated breaches of expectations will result in further sanctions as set out in the school Code of Behaviour.



Beaufort College accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of any confiscated device.



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Policy for Resolution/Ratification by LMETB Board

School	Beaufort College
Policy Title	Mobile Devices Policy
Date of School Board of Management Meeting	17/08/2023
Please confirm if a quorum was present at the meeting (4)	Yes
Please confirm if the completed Policy Consultation Record was presented at the meeting	Yes
Policy Proposed By	Fr Robert Mc Cabe
Policy Seconded By	Suzanne Markey
Signed	 Chairperson of Board of Management
Date	17/08/2023
Signed	 Principal
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