



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

### Mobile Phone and Digital Equipment Policy

#### Introduction and Purpose

The College acknowledges the reality of mobile phones and like apparatus as pieces of modern day technology. They are effective communication tools and provide, particularly for parents, peace of mind when it is necessary to contact their son(s) while travelling to and from school.

Notwithstanding this, mobile phones (and like apparatus) must be handled in a mature and responsible fashion and **not** interfere with, or run counter to, the education process or the values of the College.

The College has included into the Student Code of Conduct, the following Principles supported by the NSW State Government, along with medical recommendations around the management and usage of mobile phones while at school.

#### Principles

1. Students must put their phones in their locker when they arrive at school and only take them out when they leave the school. The Junior School students must place their phones in the designated Phone locker in their home room.
2. Any messages for students from parents should be through the College Office. In the case of an emergency, if there is a need to use a phone or device, a student should gain prior approval from the relevant Pastoral Leader.
3. If students are found with their phone on their person during the school day, students will be asked to place their phone in their locker and a Sentral note will be recorded on their file.
4. On the second infringement students will receive a ½ hour detention and parents will be notified via an email detention letter.
5. Any further breaches will result in further detentions and other consequences.

At St Pius X College, our *Guiding Principles for the Use of Technology* and 'Phone Away All Day' Policy give our students the best possible chance for correct use of electronic devices, phones and interruption-free learning.

#### Guiding Principles for the use of Technology (p109 Student Planner)

When dealing with technology it is important to keep the College values of Faith, Excellence, Respect and Opportunity at the core of all learning.

Therefore, when online or using technology, St Pius X College students:

- Actively seek to use technology to make a positive difference;
- Show respect for ourselves, others and property;
- Respect the privacy of others in all uses, especially by not taking photos, videos, or sound recordings or publishing private information without permission;
- Use information and ICT thoughtfully, ethically and environmentally;
- Use technology as a tool to enhance learning;
- Involve ourselves in all set tasks to the best of our abilities;
- Communicate respectfully and contribute positively to the learning environment;
- Maintain a sense of personal responsibility when using technology;

- Respect the learning of others by using devices in an unobtrusive way (such as enabling silent modes on devices when necessary);
- Take personal responsibility for our online profile and security.

It is also important to

- Take regular breaks from the screen and personal learning devices
- STOP and THINK before acting or responding online
- Maintain a sense of humour!

A reminder to all students that ICT devices and phones etc are not to be misused and that:

No photographic/other device is to be used on campus or elsewhere, to photograph/record any other student, staff, member of the school or outside community, without permission, or good reason to do so eg in the interests of public safety. Permission of a responsible member of staff should be sought when using any photographic or recording device for any reason eg an educational purpose.