



Mobile Phone Policy

Date approved by BOG: _____

Version	Date	Revision Author	Summary of Changes
4	3/9/24	A Passmore	Allowing the use of mobiles at before school starts, breaktime and lunchtime.

North Coast Integrated College Mobile Phone Policy

Introduction

At North Coast Integrated College, we recognize the importance of mobile phones in the lives of our students. They serve as valuable tools for communication, learning, and personal safety. However, it is crucial that students learn to use their phones safely, respectfully, and at appropriate times to ensure that they do not interfere with their education or the well-being of others. This policy outlines the guidelines for mobile phone use within the school.

Permitted Use of Mobile Phones

1. **Before School:** Students are allowed to use their mobile phones on school grounds before the official start of the school day.
2. **Break Time:** Students may use their mobile phones during the scheduled morning break.
3. **Lunch Time:** Mobile phones may be used during lunch periods.

Mobile Phone Usage Guidelines

1. **Handing in Phones at the Start of Lessons:**
 - To maintain a focused and productive learning environment, students are encouraged to hand in their mobile phones to their teacher at the beginning of each lesson.
 - Phones will be securely stored and returned to students at the end of the lesson.
2. **No Phone Usage Between Lessons:**
 - Students are not permitted to use their phones in the corridors or classrooms between lessons.
 - Phones must remain out of sight and not be used while moving between classes.

3. **Prohibited Areas:**

- Mobile phones are strictly prohibited in PE changing rooms at all times to ensure privacy and respect for all students.

4. **Photos, Videos, and Recordings:**

- Students are not allowed to take photos, videos, or recordings of anyone at any time during the school day without explicit permission from a staff member.
- This rule is in place to protect the privacy and dignity of all members of the school community.

5. **Consequences of Unauthorized Phone Use:**

- If a student uses their phone outside the allowed times, in prohibited areas, or in a manner that violates the privacy of others, the phone will be confiscated.
- Confiscated phones will be returned at the end of the school day.

Educational Benefits

We believe that by allowing limited and controlled use of mobile phones, we can teach our students important skills, such as:

- **Safe and Responsible Use:** Understanding when and how to use phones appropriately fosters digital citizenship and prepares students for responsible phone use outside of school.
- **Respect for Others:** By following these guidelines, students learn to respect the learning environment and the privacy of their peers, especially in sensitive areas like changing rooms.
- **Focus on Learning:** Handing in phones at the start of lessons minimizes distractions and helps students engage fully with the curriculum, enhancing their educational experience.

Conclusion

This policy aims to strike a balance between allowing students the benefits of mobile phones while ensuring that their use does not disrupt the educational environment. We encourage all students to adhere to these guidelines and take this opportunity to develop good habits around mobile phone use that will serve them well in their future lives.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the students and the school community. Any changes will be communicated to students and parents accordingly.