



A hope and a future.

Mobile Phone & Digital Communications Policy

Due to the rapid advancement in technology and the community acceptance of mobile technology, Summerland Christian College has established a Policy and Guidelines to support our students, teachers and their families in the appropriate use of mobile technologies.

This Policy supports the 5 Core Values of our College to give all of our students:

A hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11)

1. Christ Centred.

Here at Summerland, we believe students thrive best in a supportive Christian environment. That's why we strive to create a caring and faith inspiring setting built on God's love. We provide a supportive Christian environment. COL 2:2-3

2. Academic Achievement.

Here at Summerland, we are committed to helping our students achieve outstanding academic results. Our dedicated teachers pursue excellence through innovative approaches to learning and by helping our students achieve their best. We have proven academic success. ISAIAH 40:31

3. Personalised Education.

Here at Summerland, we believe God has created every student with a unique set of gifts and distinctive potential. That's why we are committed to providing unique pathways for each individual, enriching their development whilst adding academic value to their lives. We seek God's wisdom beyond the earthly in our teaching approach. We value the individual. EPH 2:10

4. Partnering with Parents.

Here at Summerland, we believe that students excel when parents and teachers combine for a tailored and supportive approach to their education. That's why we facilitate and encourage parental insights and participation in each child's learning and academic progress. We encourage partnership with each family. PROV 22:6

5. The Living Word.

Here at Summerland, we stand on the Word of God and its scriptures as foundational and life transforming. We believe that the Bible is God breathed and our handbook for wise choices and joyful living. We acknowledge our dependence on the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live as God intended. We are Bible based. JOSH 1:8

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Procedures

If mobile phones or portable electronic devices are brought to school, it will be at the student's own risk. No mobile phone or portable electronic device should be used to take photographs, record images or conversations in or out of the classroom without the express permission of all those to be recorded. The College has many families who have not granted permission to publish images, content or details regarding their child for privacy and protection reasons.

The College reserves the right to view the contents of any confiscated electronic device. Should it contain inappropriate material, the processes as outlined in the College's Discipline and Student Welfare Policy will be applied. Students who have failed to follow school procedures will be required to hand in mobile devices to the office when they arrive at school and can collect them after 3:00pm. Where the College suspects criminal activity or activity that causes harm to students, staff and families Police will be contacted immediately.

1. Mobile phones, digital communication devices and personal listening devices are not to be used in the school;
2. Phones can only be used by students before 8:30am and after 3:00pm to communicate with their parents with the permission of the teacher on duty or office;
3. Students needing to use their phone during the day will need approval from their Head of School or Office Staff;
4. The rules regarding the use of mobile phones, digital communication devices and personal listening devices on excursions, missions and sporting events will be explained at the commencement of the event by the organizing teacher;
5. Students are not to use their devices on the College digital network; and
6. Students are not permitted to take photographs or any digital recording at school.

Teachers wanting to use mobile phones, digital communication devices and personal listening devices for teaching and learning purposes should apply to their Head of School outlining the scope and purpose for use. Once approved the teacher will communicate this learning use to parents.

Cyber Bullying

Using mobile phones or electronic devices to bully and threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. In some cases it can constitute criminal behaviour. Refer to the College's Anti-Bullying Policy and Cyber Bullying Policy. Students and parents are reminded that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or electronic device to menace, harass or offend another person. Calls, text messages and emails can be traced.

Related Policies and Legislation

Summerland Christian College Discipline and Student Welfare Policy

Summerland Christian College Harassment, Bullying and Violence Policy

Privacy Act 1988

Telecommunications Act 1997

NSW Education Act 1990

Australian Education Act 2013