

Rygaards International Secondary School Mobile Phone Code of Conduct

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The Secondary School team understand that using mobile technology such as smartphones, mobile phones and tablets is a common feature of the modern world we live in. We also understand the educational benefits that such technology can bring to the classroom and the learning process.

However, as educators, we are finding that students who have their phones with them during the school day are easily distracted, may misuse their phones and/or are not making productive use of social times and free lessons.

Therefore we have made some changes to the Secondary School's Mobile Phone guidelines that are listed below:

From August 2018:

Year 7-11 students will not be permitted to have any mobile phones on their person or in their locker during the school day. They are to hand in a first phone and any other phones into the class teacher at the beginning of each day.

Year 7-11 students will not be permitted to wear an apple watch (or electronic internet based device) or have one on their person or in their locker during the school day.

At the beginning of their first lesson, the phones will be collected by the relevant teacher, placed in a class box and locked in the classroom cupboard for the whole day.

Year 7-11 students are not permitted to have their phones at lunch time or during free lessons or when they are in the LRC.

Students may collect their phones from the class cupboard at the end of their last lesson. This will be supervised by the teacher.

Phones will only be used in class for learning purposes at the direction of a teacher who will arrange the use of the class box and the return of it after the lesson.

On assembly days, students go to class as normal and hand in their phones. Mobile phones will not be permitted during assemblies unless this is specified earlier.

Parents and students may contact each other through the school phone and via the office. Students will no longer be able to call their parents from their own phone during the day.

If students do not surrender their phones at the beginning of a lesson, and/or abuse this policy, their parents will be contacted to come into school to collect the confiscated phone.

In addition, we know that this will provide a safe place and avoid losses and thefts of such devices.

Thank you for your support with these changes