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It is an expectation that students and parents / caregivers read, understand, and support the Mobile and Wearable Devices Policy as outlined in the Enrolment Contract.

PURPOSE

This policy provides teachers, students, and parents/caregivers with clear expectations regarding the use of mobile and wearable devices during school hours and at other events such as excursions and camps. This policy may be altered only by a supervising staff member, on a case-by-case basis, and depending on the nature of the event.

Devices include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile phones
- Tablets or iPads
- Computers

Wearable devices and technologies, including but not limited to:

- Smart glasses (e.g Meta glasses), AI-enabled eyewear
- Smart watches,
- Headphones / AirPods or similar
- Wearable recording devices (e.g camera)
- Any current or future device capable of capturing, storing, livestreaming, transmitting, transcribing or generating audio, images, video or other data.

St Michael's College acknowledges that parents provide their children with mobile devices for convenience and protection when not at school. It is also acknowledged that mobile devices provide parents/caregivers reassurance should they need to contact their child outside of school hours.

SCOPE

This policy aims to:

- Enable students to focus on their learning without added distractions.
- Enable teachers to teach without distractions from unsanctioned technology.
- Promote safety, wellbeing, and privacy.

DEFINITION

Acceptable Uses

- Exceptions to the Policy can be made only by a supervising staff member.
- At times, a mobile or wearable device may be required as part of a learning program, or to support the specific learning, medical, accessibility or wellbeing needs of a particular student. Any such use

must be approved by the supervising staff member or relevant College leader, be for a specified period of time, and occur in accordance with any conditions set by the College.

Unacceptable Uses

- Students must not use their devices between the hours of 8:40am – 3:30pm unless permitted by the supervising staff member.
- Students are not to use headphones, AirPods or similar listening devices upon entering or leaving the college. This also applies to break time. Students may be given permission to use headphones or AirPods for learning or wellbeing purposes, but only when advised by a staff member.
- Parents/caregivers wishing to contact their child must do so through the College Administration Office.
- Students are not to photograph, video/voice record any member of the College community without permission of the individual. This includes sharing or uploading any type of material to a social media platform such as Snapchat.
- Keeping in line with the SACE policy, no mobile device is to be brought into any exam or class assessment even if it is switched off or in silent mode.
- Offensive or explicit material must NOT be forwarded, instead it must be reported to a parent/caregiver, teacher, or any other trusted adult.
- It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or other electronic device to bully, menace, harass, or offend another person. In such circumstances, St Michael's College may consider it appropriate to involve the police in dealing with such situations.

POLICY STATEMENT

St Michael's College accepts no responsibility for replacing and/or repairing lost, damaged or stolen devices because of incidents off campus or incidents involving non-college community members. Parents/caregivers are advised to contact their insurance provider prior to allowing their child to bring any mobile device to the College.

If a student is found to be in breach of the Mobile and Wearable Devices Policy, the device(s) may be confiscated and sent to the Administration Office for collection at 3:30pm. Breaches to this policy will be recorded and retained in the student's file in SEQTA. Further consequences may apply in line with St Michael's College behaviour guidelines. Consequences may include restorative conversations and conferences, College or external counselling, detention, suspension and in the most serious matters, expulsion may be considered at the Principal's discretion.

Where a student brings, wears, activates or uses smart glasses, AI-enabled eyewear, wearable cameras or similar recording-capable devices in breach of this policy, the device may be confiscated and stored at the Administration Office for collection in accordance with College procedures. Serious breaches involving recording, livestreaming, sharing images or audio, assessment misconduct, bullying, harassment, or conduct that compromises the privacy, dignity, safety or wellbeing of students, staff or other members of the College community may result in further consequences in accordance with College behaviour guidelines and other relevant College policies.

RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- St Michael's College Mission and Vision
- Bullying and Harassment Policy
- In-class and Out-of-class Behavior Guidelines (Levels of Support)
- Continuous Improvement Framework (CIF) – CESA
- Privacy Policy
- Community Charter
- Suspension and Expulsion Policy

REVISION RECORD

Approval Authority: **Principal**

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