

## **St Colman's High & Sixth Form College BOYD Policy**

St Colman's High & Sixth Form College recognises that information and communication technology (ICT) is an integral and vital part of education in today's modern world. To facilitate this St Colman's High & Sixth Form College permits students to bring their own devices (BYOD) to school for the purpose of enhancing learning. Access to St Colman's High & Sixth Form College network and systems is a privilege and not a right. All usage of all ICT facilities and access entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school policies, rules and directions from staff.

Devices brought into school are compulsorily subject to diagnostic and security testing to ensure that technologically and content-wise they comply with the school's regulations. The school is not responsible for data on devices brought into school but reserves the right to view data on such devices and where necessary take appropriate action and impose appropriate sanctions. By bringing devices to school students are agreeing that the school can confiscate and view devices, including their content, to conduct investigations regarding inappropriate or improper use.

All devices and the content therein must comply with all the school's policies and in particular those related to Child Protection, Photos, Images and Video, Social Networking, Anti-bullying, Positive Behaviour, Relationships and Sexuality and Pastoral Care.

Students bringing their own devices to school will have limited access to the school's ICT systems.

Coded access to the school's systems will be changed regularly. It is students' responsibility to obtain new codes from the ICT technician.

The use of personal devices in school is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Devices must be used in specified locations and for the purposes of educational advancement as directed by the school's teaching staff. Devices are not to be used in the corridors, Canteen\*\*, toilets, common room and so forth.

As stated elsewhere the primary purpose of personal devices is to enhance learning. Using devices for social purposes or to contact parents or as a telephone is not permitted. Students wishing to contact parents must do so, with the permission of a teacher, from reception. Personal devices must be an additional benefit to learning advancement and not a distraction to students or staff. The unwanted or unwarranted disruption of classes in any way will result in the confiscation of device(s) and students' receiving punishment in accordance with supporting policies.

Personal devices must be used in accordance and with adherence to the school's Acceptable Computer Use Policy. Any attempt to circumvent the school's network security and/or

filtering policies, including setting up proxies and downloading programs to bypass security, will result in the confiscation of equipment and the full implementation of the school's supporting policies including the Behaviour, Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Policies.

Devices are not to be used to take photos, videos or sound recordings of students, teachers, staff unless specifically directed to do so by teachers. Even when directed to do so students do not have the right to distribute such images or audio without specific and express permission of teachers.

Personal devices are not to be used outside of designated times and locations unless specifically directed by a teacher.

Students bring their devices to use at St Colman's High & Sixth Form College at their own risk. Students are expected to exercise technological responsibility by maintaining their own device(s), keeping them up-to-date and having the latest versions of security and protection software installed

The school is not responsible for compatibility issues across its own system and students' own devices. The school is not responsible for students' data or hardware. The school accepts no liability for breakage (hardware and software), damage or loss of students' own devices.

Students must ensure that their device(s) are security locked at all times when not in use and must not share their device(s) with other students.

**St Colman's Pastoral Care Policy**

**Bring Your Own Device Policy 2013**

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\* Devices can be used in the Canteen when permitted by teaching staff. This will not be during break time or lunchtime.

\*\* Distribution includes emailing/texting, posting, attaching etc