



## **Ellenbrook Christian College Device Usage Policy - Secondary**

### **ECC Statement of Purpose & Intent**

Ellenbrook Christian College is a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 co-education independent school, that serves families and community groups from the Swan Valley region. The College offers first class and diverse educational experiences, within a distinctively Christ-centred and biblical framework, consistent with the notion that the Lord Jesus Christ, is "the Wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:16). The College seeks to develop committed life-long learners, whose character is forged through challenge and perseverance, and who use their gifts to actively build up others in community through a lifetime of leadership and service.

The College resolves to uphold, sustain and promote a safe and positive environment for ECC students (including the digital environment), where they can flourish in their learning, and build vibrant connections with others through face-to-face interactions.

### **Laptop computers (Bring Your Own Device)**

The College believes that technology can assist and enhance learning, when used in a purposeful, reliable and responsible manner. At ECC, Secondary students are required to bring a device with the prescribed learning applications pre-loaded, as per the College's BYOD device recommendations.

During formal school learning hours and when the device is physically present on campus, students are free to use applications and internet sources approved for learning, by the classroom teacher and College administration.

In cases where an unauthorised application is accessed, the student may be required to uninstall that application, as the action will be viewed as a breach of the Student Code of Conduct.

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## Mobile Devices

With regard to mobile communication devices, the College encourages all families to give consideration to whether it is necessary for their child to bring any mobile communication devices, including mobile phones and smart watches, onto the campus.

It is important for all families to know that from the beginning of 2023, students who have family permission to bring mobile devices to school, will need to switch off and store these devices, upon arrival at school, for the duration of the day. Students will be provided with a designated locker and will require a suitable lock to secure it. At the end of each school day, students will be free to collect their devices for use, once they leave the College grounds.

### Please Note:

- *The College staff are aware that on any given day, families may need to communicate a message to their child. In such circumstances, families can contact Student Services directly, on 9297 9230, and the message will be conveyed to the student on the parent/carer's behalf.*
- *All mobile devices brought to school should have parental permission.*
- *Students taking specific subjects, such as ATAR Engineering, may on occasions, be granted a pass to collect and use their phones for timetabled periods, as directed by the teacher. In such cases, the phone should be switched off and returned to the locker immediately following the class.*
- *Inappropriate access or use of mobile communication devices will result in devices needing to be submitted to the Dean of Pastoral Care daily, for the remainder of the term. Sustained and repeated breaches will be viewed as a breach of the Student Code of Conduct and may require a review of enrolment.*
- *The College does not encourage students to bring mobile devices to school but if they do so, having been afforded parental permission, the student is responsible for the care of any devices brought onto campus.*
- *Canteen purchases will need to be transacted by pre-payment through Parent Lounge, by debit/credit card or by cash. Phones will not be accessible for canteen purchases.*
- *The Principal reserves the right to grant individual provisions on a case-by-case basis, where exceptional circumstances exist.*

The College is looking forward to working with families to support the positive use of technology to assist and enhance learning, and to promote the development of vibrant interpersonal and self-management skills of all learners.