



Ellenbrook Christian College Device Usage Policy - Primary

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.

iPads (Bring Your Own Device)

The College believes that technology can greatly assist and enhance learning, when used in a purposeful, reliable and responsible manner. At ECC, Primary students from Year 4, are required to bring an iPad 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.

Mobile Phones

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 their devices and safely store them, upon arrival at school.

Student devices will be collected as the students arrive in the morning, and stored in a safe locked place, until the end of the day when their devices will be returned to them, prior to leaving for home.

Devices and mobile phones are not to be used at school, this includes during recess and lunch and before or after school.

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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 and be handed to the teacher at the beginning of the day.
 - The College will take all care to carefully store and return mobile devices to students.
 - Students are responsible to collect their mobile devices whenever they bring their device to school.
- Inappropriate access or use of mobile communication devices will be responded to as a breach of the Student Code of Conduct.
- 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.