

Nelson College

TE KURA TAMATĀNE O WHAKATŪ

Mobile Phone Management Policy



These policies relate to Mobile Phone Management for students at Nelson College.
Unless otherwise stated, the policy will be reviewed triennially by the Nelson College Board as part of its work plan.

The policy may be updated from time to time as school circumstances or Ministry of Education regulations or legislation requires.

Date Reviewed: 2024

Next Review Date: 2025

Signed: 

Presiding Member, Nelson College Board

Date: 12-2-2024

Supporting Documents

- Education and Training Act (2020)
- Nelson College Staff Manual

We are committed to protecting the school day as a time for our ākonga to engage with teaching and learning and to communicate with each other face-to-face and be involved in the wider life of our kura. To comply with the Government mandate to prohibit the use of mobile phones during the school day the following controls are proposed for Years 7- 13.

- Cell phones and earbuds/headphones **must be turned off and in bags** for the duration of the school day (from 8.45am until 3.15pm). This also applies for special events such as Athletics Day, assemblies and prizegiving.
- When on EOTC day trips, the same rule applies. On overnight trips, students will be permitted to have access to their phones at an agreed time, set by the TiC. For example, from 7-9pm to contact home.
- Phones can only be used during class time when directed by the teacher. This use will be task driven and aligned to specific learning outcomes.
- Cell phones are not to be used during break times, between classes or in the hallways or stairwells.
- In special circumstances, an exemption may be granted to a student who uses their cell phone to monitor medical devices e.g. people with diabetes.
- If Parents/caregivers wish to contact their son **during the day**, they can call the School Reception, and a message will be sent to the student in class, or they can email the Nelson College email address, which can be accessed on the student's laptop
- If students need to urgently contact parents during the school day, they may go to Reception and use the student service phone.
- Students are not permitted to use any other electronic devices at interval and lunchtime unless for supervised study in the library or a staff-organised club.