



# POMPALLIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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## CELL PHONE REGULATIONS

We are changing our expectations from students regarding cell phones, from Term 3, 2022.

### As a School, we value:-

- Students being actively involved with others and developing relationships with others in their immediate surroundings.
- Students being focused while in the classroom on the tasks at hand and engaging with the teaching and learning opportunities.
- Developing a sense of belonging to the greater school community.
- Keeping students safe from cyber bullying and other inappropriate online activities.

We are putting the following procedures in place to ensure that students have a safe and productive learning environment, while minimising distractions.

- Mobile phones are not to be on the student's person (i.e.; not in pockets, blazers, or on desks) during class time, including Whānau time, and during break times.
- Smart watches are considered extensions of smartphones and are not permitted to be worn during classes.
- Earphones or earbuds are not allowed on the student's person during class time, when walking between classes, waiting outside classes, or break times.
- Whānau who wish to contact your student during the school day, please contact the school office staff, who will get a message to them, or wait for them to contact you during interval or lunch. Please do not contact your student directly during class time. Consequences will occur if a student is found by any staff member to have a phone or earphones on their person in a classroom, or using it inappropriately.

For students who do not follow these regulations, the following 3 step process will take place.

Staff Member / HOL / Dean / SMT member to confiscate the phone and take this to the office, where a record of who the phone belongs to will be kept.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Offence :** Student collects their phone from the student centre at the end of the day.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Offence :** Parent collects their student's phone from the front office at the end of the day (no later than 4.00pm).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Offence :** Students will hand over their phone into the student centre at the start of the day and collect it from the student centre at the end of the day, each day for one week (5 school days). SMT consequence.