



St Stephen's Catholic College - Smart Wearables Policy

Rationale

Most Smart Wearable devices (smart watches, fitness trackers) have the capability of interacting with the owner's smartphone (either via Bluetooth radio receivers, WiFi or both). This allows the user to communicate via their wearable device as if they had their smartphone in front of them (dependent on manufacturer and model). Devices may have additional functionality to record audio and video footage, as well as interact with social media platforms. With this in mind, St Stephen's Catholic College applies the same expectations to smart wearable devices, as it does to the college's policy regarding mobile phones.

What is a smart wearable device?

A smart wearable is described as follows:

"A smart wearable device is a device that is worn on the student's person that has wireless communication with the outside world and can receive and display information via an inbuilt screen. Such devices communicate with smartphones (via Bluetooth, WiFi or some other form of wireless protocol), or communicate via the mobile network."

Policy

At St Stephen's, we are committed to students using devices to support their learning through appropriate use in school. Consequently, we believe that we have an educational responsibility to assist young people to manage the use of new technologies. The following policy has been developed to align with this belief.

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- Wearable technology as defined above is not to be worn at St Stephen's Catholic College.
- Any students with wearable technology on their person are subject to the mobile device policy consequences.

Our Commitment

St Stephen's Catholic College will:

- Publish to parents and the college community the Smart Wearables policy and its implementation, through newsletters, assemblies and college website.

Our Expectations

Parents/carers will:

- Be cognisant of our Smart Wearables policy when they enrol their child.
- Actively support the college's Smart Wearables policy.

Students will:

- Adhere to Smart Wearables Policy.
- Take responsibility for their own actions in relation to the Smart Wearables policy.
- Store their Smart Wearables in their locker as per mobile phone policy.

Staff will:

- Actively monitor student compliance with this college policy.

Reference documents

SSCC Mobile phone policy

QCAA – Instructions to students – QCS