



COALDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Personal Device & Social Media Policy

INTRODUCTION

We acknowledge that personal devices and social media applications have become a common part of daily life and are often necessary in the work environment. In general, they have proven to be harmful and disruptive to learning environments and have proven to have an increasingly negative impact on academics and could also negatively affect social interactions at CCS. Students do not access to personal devices or social media while at school to fulfill their role and will need to follow the "Away for the Day" guidelines below for personal devices.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to ensure learning takes place in an environment with minimal distractions. Students are in a better position to grow and succeed when they can focus on what is taking place in the classroom and can interact directly with the teacher and other students. It also limits the opportunities to share harmful internet content between students at school via technology in general and through social media applications.

DEFINITIONS

Personal Device: Refers to all personal electronic devices and includes all personal laptops, cell phones, tablets, and smartwatches. Laptops under the laptop sharing program are an exception.

Social media: Any online application that promotes social connection via messages, images or video. Examples include, but are not limited to: Snap Chat, Instagram, Facebook, Threads, etc.

SCOPE

This policy applies to students who attend school at CCS.

ACCESS

Students' personal devices will NOT have access to the CCS internal network, Wi-Fi, or internet services. Access to social media platforms is prohibited on all student laptops.

"AWAY FOR THE DAY" GUIDELINES

"Away for the Day" means students may not access their personal devices during school hours or on the bus unless it is deemed medically or educationally necessary by the principal. Following are the guidelines which CCS will be implementing:

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Applies to Grades K-9

- Personal Devices are not allowed on school grounds and may not be taken on the school bus.

Applies to Grades 10-12

- All personal devices must always stay in the student's locker for the duration of the school day.

Co-curricular Activities

- Special permission may be given by a coach, staff member or administrator for the use of a personal device during co-curricular events during school hours or at athletics events, field trips, and other off-campus activities.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE/DISRUPTION (one or more may apply)

First offense

Device will be brought to the office for the remainder of the day and may be picked up when a student is ready to leave school.

Second offense

Device will be brought to the office. The student must get their parent to contact the office in order for the device to be released back to the student at the end of the school day.

Third offense

Device will be brought to the office. A parent must pick up the device from the office and a detention will be served by the offending student.

Further consequences beyond this will be determined at the discretion of the school administration. These include but are not limited to additional detentions, removal from co-curricular activities, and school suspensions.

Expectations for Staff, Administration, and Parents

Staff are expected to be excellent role models for students. Cell phones may be minimally used and not cause disruptions in the classroom. Parents/society members serving as volunteers also need to model good behaviour and limit device usage when helping with school events.



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*****All Students and Parents from grades 7 – 12 must sign and return the following form *****

Personal Device Policy Agreement

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

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