



SOUTHCITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS PREPARATORY

CELLPHONE AND ELECTRONIC GAMES AND DEVICES POLICY

(Grades R – 7)

SCS (this includes watches with internet or cell phone No cellular phones, electronic games or any other electronic devices will be permitted in the possession of pupils at access and fitness trackers). However, should it be necessary to bring one to school in special circumstances, it must be handed in to the Secretary before school starts. Once collected after school, these phones may not be visible at all. This includes:

- After school hours on the premises.
- Social and sporting occasions during the week.
- Any other time that a pupil is on the property.
- Travelling in representation of the school to a function or event elsewhere.
- Any other occasion arising and deemed to be included by the senior management. In such cases pupils and parents will be informed.

Consequence of offence:

- Immediate confiscation of the unit and SIM card for a period of three months, irrespective of the ownership of the unit and SIM card or length of stay remaining to the pupil at SCS; AND a 3 hour Friday Detention.

Consequence of Second Offence:

- A further confiscation under the same conditions, for six months; AND Saturday detention of 3 hours. A Final Warning of Suspension is issued.

Consequence of Third Offence:

- Confiscation of the unit for a year, a Disciplinary Hearing, suspension.

UNDESIRABLE USE OF CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Where learners under the age of 18 both initiate and/or distribute undesirable/explicit pictures or material via WhatsApp or other social platforms, they make themselves guilty of Child Pornography. This is regarded as very serious misconduct and is an offense punishable by law.

Social Media offences include incidents that occur at school, during school hours, at a school function, as well as incidents that happen during school holidays or away from school grounds, but which can be connected to the school. The school undertakes to make pupils and parents aware of the possibility of such undesirable practices, and impress upon them that the regular monitoring of the pupils' IT equipment and cell phones is essential. See Bullying and Social Media Policy.

Parents and pupils receive and acknowledge the policy as part of the entrance documentation on registration.

DECLARATION:

I have read the School's Cell Phone Policy and hereby agree to abide by the school's ruling in this regard.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PUPIL'S SIGNATURE
(only Gr 4 – 7 need sign)

DATE

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