

CHRISTCHURCH RUDOLF STEINER SCHOOL

College Principal Group

Management

Policy ADMINISTRATION

Procedure **on use of Electronic Devices**

Rationale;

Learning through the electronic medium is strongly discouraged in our school except in parts of the Upper school. The preferred learning medium for our students is one that interacts with the environment with teachers and classmates with hands on activities and through their imagination. The use of electronic devices in teaching and student use is kept to a minimum.

The care of the senses, the engagement of our students with the world and safety of children from electronic bullying, broadcasting or viewing of inappropriate images are the motivating factors in this perspective.

Procedures:

Electronic devices such as DVD, data projection, investigation using computers, cameras, video and other devices that are used as a learning tool are used predominantly in the Upper school.

Use of cell phones is permitted only in breaks in the Upper school for both students and teachers. No cell phones are to be used during school hours by Lower school students except in emergencies and where sanctioned by the teacher.

All versions of MP3 players are not permitted to be used in school grounds during school hours.

Recording of images of students can only be done where there is permission given by the school.

The use of recorded voice or images of students within the school that depicts the students or school in a bad light is not condoned by the school.

N.B. It is not illegal to broadcast general public images e.g. school play grounds, but it is a crime to record and/or broadcast private meetings or places e.g. toilets, change rooms, classrooms, meetings.

The school will, through parent meetings and the newsletter assist parents to understand our non electronic stance and offer assistance in home computer monitoring.

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