



Guidelines for Headphone Use - including earbuds.

The following guidelines concern the use of headphones and earbuds at school and are designed to enable effective teaching and learning and communication skills.

These guidelines aim to:

- encourage active participation during class time
 - strengthen students' ability to communicate and collaborate in person
 - eliminate distractions in classrooms
 - support students' self-management
1. Laptops, headphones and earbud use is discouraged at break or lunchtimes unless for learning purposes. Cell phones are not permitted for use at break or lunchtimes.
 2. There is no permitted use of headphones to listen to anything in classrooms not directly related to the programme of learning.
 3. Students may not listen to music while they are in classes unless specifically identified as an aid to their neurodiversity.
 4. Other use of headphones in classes is at teacher discretion and for learning purposes only.
 5. Senior students may use headphones and earbuds during study periods if appropriate.
 6. Teachers will be cognisant of the Health and Safety requirements in their classrooms. Thus, the use of headphones in Science Laboratories and Art Rooms is not permitted.
 7. Headphone use for learning purposes, such as listening to a podcast, listening tasks in Languages, is directed by the teachers.
 8. Students whose ears are covered by their hair may be asked to show the teacher that they are not using headphones in class.
 9. Headphones are not permitted in Chapel or Assembly
 10. If headphones/earbuds are accessed at any time without permission:
 - they will be removed for the remainder of the lesson and delivered to the school office where they will be placed in a named plastic/paper bag for retrieval at the end of the day.
 - If this occurs three times a student will receive a school duty and parents/caregivers will be informed.
 - If lack of self-management continues to be a problem, the devices will be stored in the Deputy Principal's office for the whole day and may be collected at the end of the school day.