



## **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. Our school pillar 'be your best' and the dispositions and values of self-management and respect are acknowledged through these guidelines.

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. Headphone, and earbud and laptop use is discouraged at break or lunchtimes unless for learning purposes. Also refer to Mobile Phone Policy.
  2. Use of headphones in classes is at teacher discretion and for learning purposes only. Headphone use, such as listening to a podcast, listening tasks in Languages etc, is directed by the teachers.
  3. Senior students may use headphones and earbuds during study periods if appropriate.
  4. Students may listen to music or use earbuds while they are in classes if specifically identified as an aid to their neurodiversity, identified by the Learning Centre. This will be indicated in the students hover or Wellbeing Notes, or with a Uniform Pass.
  5. Teachers will be cognisant of the Health and Safety requirements in their classrooms. Thus, the use of headphones in Science Laboratories when doing experiments, Foods, practical Physical Education and Art Rooms is not permitted.
  6. Students whose ears are covered by their hair may be asked to show the teacher that they are not using headphones in class.
  7. Headphones are not permitted in Chapel or Assembly
  8. If headphones/earbuds are accessed at any time without permission:
    - they may 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 repeatedly the Dean will be informed and will contact parents/caregivers.