St Columban's College BYOD Policy
(Bring your own Device)

St Columban's College recognises that as technology has changed more pupils have access to Internet capable devices. This is seen as resource enhancing and easy access is provided throughout the school. . Students learn collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in a variety of ways throughout the school day. In an effort to increase access to those 21st Century skills, St Columban's College will allow personal devices on our guest network and school grounds for students who follow the responsibilities stated in the Acceptable Use Policy and the attached guidelines regarding Bring your own devices to school.

St Columban's College strives to provide appropriate and adequate technology to support instructional purposes. The use of personal devices by students is optional, and students who do not Bring their Own Device to school will not be penalized and alternate modes of participation will be available.

Devices in the form of mobile phones, music players and tablet computers may be used in classrooms to aid learning when a mobile device is more appropriate than a laptop or desktop computer.

The word "devices" will include: laptops, netbooks, smart phones, IPods, IPads, tablets, and eReaders. *Please note that Nintendo DS (and/or other gaming devices with internet access) is not permissible at this time.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Access to the St Columban's College wireless network, whether with school-provided or personal devices, is filtered in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

- However, access from personal devices is limited to Internet use only. Pupils will not have access to any documents which reside on the school network from their personal devices.

- Access to the St Columban's College wireless network is a privilege, not a right. Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules.

- The use of the St Columban's College network also allows ICT staff to conduct investigations regarding inappropriate Internet use at any time, by teacher request.

- Pupils must ensure that there are no pictures or documents on their device

"**All pupils are forbidden from retrieving, sending, displaying or using in any way materials or messages which may be considered offensive**."

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OBTAINING ACCESS TO THE NETWORK:

- *Connect to C2K Guest Wireless.*

- *Attempt to open the internet on your device.*

- *Complete the Personal Details Form select NEXT*

- *This process will add a piece of software to your device to inform out network that you are a Trusted User.*

- *This network access procedure will have to be repeated each time you change your logon password to C2K.*

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Use of personal devices during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff.

- Pupils must use devices as directed by their teacher.

- The primary purpose of the use of personal devices at school is educational.

- The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teachers or pupils. Personal devices must not disrupt class in any way.

- Pupils shall not use personal devices outside of their classroom unless otherwise directed by their teacher e.g. on school visits or activities.

- Pupils shall make no attempts to circumvent the school's network security and/or filtering policies. This includes setting up proxies and downloading programs to bypass security.

- Pupils shall not distribute pictures or video of pupils or staff without their permission (distribution can be as small as emailing/texting to one other person or as large as posting image or video online).

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE/DISRUPTION

(One or more may apply):

- Access to the wireless network will be removed.
- Device confiscated and kept in the main office until parent picks it up.

- Student is not allowed to use personal devices at school.

- Serious misuse of Internet capable devices is regarded as a serious offence within the School's Code of Conduct and will be dealt with in accordance with this policy.

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SCHOOL LIABILITY STATEMENT

Pupils bring their devices to use at St Columban's College at their own risk. Pupils are expected to act responsibly with regards to the appropriate use of their own device, keeping it up to date and as secure as possible. It is their duty to be responsible for the upkeep and protection of their devices.

St Columban's College is in no way responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken, lost or stolen while at school or during school-sponsored activities

- Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).