

# HELDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL



## CELL PHONE & WEARABLES POLICY 2024

### **Objective:**

The primary objective of this cell phone and wearables policy is to create a conducive learning environment while promoting responsible and safe use of mobile devices within the school premises.

The school would prefer students not to have cell phones and wearables in their possession while they are at school or in school uniform for the following reasons:

- Theft of cell phones and wearables at school from bags and blazers could be a problem.
- Students are careless with their cell phones and wearables and leave them lying around or in blazers and bags which are left unattended. Lost and mislaid cell phones and wearables are frequently claimed to be stolen when this is not the case.
- Cell phones and wearables can be used to cheat in examinations and tests. For this reason, no cell phones and wearables are permitted in examination venues or in teaching venues when tests and examinations are written. This same policy applies to the externally set national examinations.
- Cell phones and wearables allow students unlimited access to salacious and age-inappropriate material.
- The school will not take responsibility for the theft or loss of any cell phone or wearables brought to school, no matter what the circumstances. This includes the loss or theft of cell phones or wearables that may be handed in to teachers, as well as to cell phones and wearables which have been confiscated from students who use them in defiance of the school rules.

### **General Guidelines:**

**Usage Restrictions:**

Cell phones and wearables should be turned off or set to silent mode during School hours.

Use of cell phones and wearables is strictly prohibited in classrooms, unless explicitly permitted by the teacher for educational purposes.

**Educational Use:**

Students are encouraged to use their cell phones for educational purposes, under the guidance of teachers. This may include research, educational apps, MS Teams, and other tools that enhance learning.

**Emergency Situations:**

In case of emergency, students are allowed to use their cell phones, but they should seek permission from a teacher or school staff member.

**Respect for Others:**

Students are expected to respect the privacy and learning environment of others. Taking pictures, recording videos, or using any form of invasive technology without consent is strictly prohibited.

**Consequences for Violations:**

Confiscation of the cell phone. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the day and a fine of R 100 to be paid.

**Review and Updates:**

The school administration will periodically review and update the cell phone and wearables policy to address changing technology and the needs of the school community.

**Approval:**

This cell phone and wearables policy has been reviewed and approved by School Board. All students, parents, and staff are expected to adhere to the guidelines outlined herein.

Date of Implementation: 19 February 2021



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