



Te Kauwhata College

Cellphone/Device Free

Devices we deem inappropriate include but are not limited to, speakers, smart watches, headphones, earbuds, and any other cell phone/device accessories.

How it will work

If a teacher sees, locates, or observes a cell phone/device the teacher will confiscate the cell phone/device. The cell phone/device will be put into an envelope, named, and put in the Student Centre by the teacher who has confiscated it. The teacher will put the cell phone/device in the Student Centre as soon as practically possible for the teacher. The teacher will then document the confiscation in Kamar and notify the Pastoral/SLT teams.

The following process will apply to any aakonga in visible possession of a cellphone/device:

First Confiscation:

The cell phone/device will be confiscated and kept in the Student Centre. It will then be returned to the student by Pastoral Team/School Office at the end of the school day (3pm).

Second Confiscation:

The student will receive a Dean's detention, and Whaanau will be contacted, and they will be required to pick up the cell phone/device from the Student Centre.

If it is not possible for Whaanau to pick up the cell phone/device, the cell phone/device will be held for 3 days before being returned.

Third or Subsequent Confiscation:

The matter is now deemed to be an ongoing behavioural issue and will be considered to be continual disobedience. Te Kauwhata College will then follow relevant disciplinary procedures.

If Whaanau need to contact their children during the day, a message can be left at Reception which will be delivered to their aakonga. Whaanau may pick up a confiscated cell phone/device at any time.