



Personal Device and Technology Policy

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Rationale

Trinity College Beenleigh is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment where students are fully engaged in their education and interpersonal relationships. Personal technology devices such as mobile phones, smartwatches, and other wearable or internet-enabled technologies can disrupt learning, distract students from instruction, and compromise privacy and wellbeing.

It is the **College's strong preference that students do not bring mobile phones, wearable technology, or personal devices to school at all**. These devices are not necessary for participation in learning or school life. All technology required for learning is provided by the College, including access to secure, monitored digital platforms and devices.

Students are provided with a **school-managed email account** for communication between home and school regarding non-urgent matters. Where urgent contact is required, **phone access is available through Student Reception**, ensuring communication occurs in a supported and appropriate manner.

This approach promotes student focus, social connection, and wellbeing during the school day, reduces opportunities for distraction or misuse of digital technologies, and supports the College's duty of care under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld) to maintain a safe and secure environment for all members of the community.

Personal Technology – Carrying Devices Not Supported by the College

Families who permit their student to carry personal technology (e.g., mobile phones, smartwatches, wearable tech) at school, during school activities, events, or whilst identifiable as a Trinity College Beenleigh student, do so contrary to the College's preferred practice. The College does not support students carrying such devices, as they are not required for learning or communication during the school day. Students who choose to carry personal technology despite this preference must adhere to the following conditions:

1. Trinity Time is Phone-Free Time (Mobile Phones and Personal Devices)

Mobile phones and personal devices must not be used, visible, heard, accessed, or handled in a manner consistent with use during:

- class time
- learning activities
- transitions to or from bathrooms, the library, sports or other areas
- school events or excursions
- any time the student is representing the College
- any time the student is under the duty of care of the College

The above conditions constitute "Trinity Time".

Permission to use a device is only granted by the Principal for verified medical reasons (e.g., diabetes monitoring).

Any sighting, audible sound, observed use, or behaviour consistent with suspected use will result in immediate commencement of the RTC process, beginning with RTC questions and/or behaviour sanctions.

Repeat incidents or serious privacy breaches (see Section 2) will result in immediate referral to RTC and sanctions under the Student Behaviour Support Policy, Trinity College policies and relevant BCE policies.

2. Privacy Protections

Any use, attempted use, or reasonable suspicion of use of a device to film, photograph, record or otherwise capture content involving students, staff or visitors that breaches—or may reasonably be considered to breach—the:

- Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)
- Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)
- Child Protection Act 1999 (Qld)
- Criminal Code Act 1899 (Qld) (including observing or recording without consent)
- Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) policies
- Trinity College policies

will result in behaviour sanctions, including suspension or exclusion.

This applies even if content is not captured, deleted, stored or never shared.

Where conduct is considered invasive, unsafe, disrespectful, or contrary to Trinity College expectations, the Principal may impose disciplinary responses under the Student Behaviour Support Policy, Trinity College policies and relevant BCE policies.

3. Definition of Reasonable Suspicion

For the purposes of this policy, reasonable suspicion refers to a belief or concern held by a staff member—based on observable behaviour, contextual indicators or circumstantial evidence—that a student may have engaged in prohibited conduct.

Indicators may include, but are not limited to:

- concealing, adjusting or manipulating a device in a manner consistent with filming, recording or use
- posture, gestures or movements consistent with covert device use
- peer reports or disclosures
- sudden changes in behaviour, positioning or interactions
- audible cues, vibrations or visible screen activity
- behaviour designed to obscure actions from staff

Where reasonable suspicion exists and is confirmed through contextual review by the College Leadership Team, sanctions will apply under the Student Behaviour Support Policy, Trinity College policies and relevant BCE policies.

4. Wearable Technology

Wearable devices (e.g., smartwatches, rings, earbuds) that enable internet access, speech recognition, AI capability, recording or communication must not be brought to school or used at any time.

Devices must be disabled or removed during school hours.

Students found using such devices—or displaying behaviour consistent with suspected use—will receive sanctions under the Student Behaviour Support Policy, Trinity College policies and relevant BCE policies.

5. AI Glasses and Surveillance Devices

AI-powered glasses (e.g., smart devices or glasses with recording, streaming, or AI-enhanced features) pose significant risks to student safety, privacy, and wellbeing. These devices are strictly prohibited on school grounds at all times. This applies to students, staff, parents, and visitors. Possession of such devices on school grounds constitutes a breach of this policy and may result in removal from the premises, suspension, or exclusion.

Note on Privacy in the School Context:

Trinity College Beenleigh prohibits all unauthorised recording or photographing of any person on College grounds or at College events. This includes classrooms, playgrounds, and public spaces, as part of our commitment to safeguarding the privacy, dignity, and wellbeing of students, staff, and visitors.

6. Examinations and Assessments

Phones, smartwatches, and all wearable technology are strictly prohibited during examinations and supervised assessments.

7. Communication with Home

Students must contact home via Student Reception or their school email for school-related matters. Parents receiving concerning messages are asked to contact the Student Growth and Wellbeing Team before arriving at the College.

8. Prohibited Sharing of Content

Students must not post, share, or distribute any content related to:

- Themselves or other students in College uniform, at school activities, school sport and/or on school grounds.
- College employees or contractors
- School property, activities or events

9. Device Security

Students and their families are solely responsible for the safety and security of any personal device they choose to bring to school. As these devices are not required for learning and are carried contrary to the College's preferred practice, the College will not engage in locating, tracking or recovering misplaced, lost or stolen devices.

10. Jurisdiction and Responsibility Regarding Personal Devices

Trinity College Beenleigh recognises that personal devices are privately owned and provided by families. Accordingly:

- The College does not assume responsibility for the content accessed, stored, or transmitted via personal devices at any time — whether during school hours, outside of school, or on school grounds.
- Responsibility for monitoring, filtering, and managing personal device use lies solely with the student and their parent/carer.

- The College maintains full jurisdiction over all school-issued devices and platforms, which are monitored in accordance with the College's IT Acceptable Use Policy and relevant legislation.
- Where incidents of online bullying or inappropriate behaviour occur outside of school hours and/or on personal devices, the College will provide pastoral support. Families will be supported to raise concerns with the Queensland Police Service or the eSafety Commissioner.

11. School Responsibility for Network and Device Monitoring

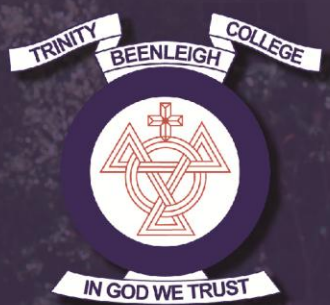
Trinity College Beenleigh maintains full responsibility for monitoring and managing student access on all **school-issued devices** accessing the College network. This includes:

- Filtering and restricting access to inappropriate or non-educational content
- Monitoring usage patterns and digital behaviour
- Enforcing compliance with the College's IT Acceptable Use Policy

All activity conducted on school-managed platforms and devices is subject to review and may result in behavioural sanctions if found to be in breach of College policies or relevant legislation.



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