



## **“Learning & Growing in the Light of the Gospel”**

*With Christ at the centre of our learning, we:*

- *Help young people to achieve their greatest potential*
- *Guide their intellectual growth, nurture their God-given talents, and inspire them to live in service to others*
- *Aim to develop honest, confident, responsible and compassionate members of society, based on the educational values of Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

**Our Vision Statement – the long-term change resulting from our work**

### ***‘ Encouraging Big Ideas’***

*Ratcliffe’s unique educational offering based on our College motto, “Legis Plenitudo Charitas”, Love is the fulfilment of the Law, provides a perfect context within which young people may acquire the emotional knowledge and interpersonal skills necessary to live happy and purposeful lives. The College’s inclusive Catholic ethos is complemented by the outstanding quality of our College community through which our Mission, “Learning and Growing in the Light of the Gospel”, serves to nurture resilience and develop maturity. Young people leave Ratcliffe with a strong sense of who they are and their purpose in the world, equipped socially, emotionally, morally and spiritually to go forth and make a difference to the communities in which they live and work.*

**Bring Your Own Device – BYOD Policy**  
**This policy has been written for the Senior School and Prep School**

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### **Rationale**

As part of a whole-school strategy to develop digital learning at Ratcliffe College, all students in Years 4-13 are permitted to use their own devices in school subject to parental consent via the Google Forms consent document, sent out to parents at the start of each academic year. For Years 4-9, Chromebooks are required. NB: Some students may have laptop or a device with an integrated or detachable keyboard if they had brought a device *before* the policy changed to Chromebooks. Permitted devices for Years 4-11 were limited to Chromebooks from September 2022. Permitted devices for Years 12-13 Sixth Form are laptops, Chromebook, or tablets. Sixth formers are allowed to use their mobile phones (though typing facility is preferable).

Using technology in this way will enhance the interaction of students with learning through the medium of digital technology and allow a more flexible and creative approach towards independent study.

Students are asked to bring their own mobile devices to school and to connect to the internet using Ratcliffe College Wi-Fi. This connection is subject to the same internet filtering system as school devices and is subject to parents and students reading carefully the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which covers the conditions for using both school and personally owned devices. When students sign in to the Wi-Fi network, they accept the conditions set out in this policy.

In addition to the Acceptable Use Policy it is important to note that:

1. Personal mobile devices are not covered by the School's insurance policy and the School cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to the device.
2. Students should ensure that they protect their devices with a laptop protective cover or tablet case and may be carried in a laptop sleeve. Please note that, in line with the School policy on bags, it will not be possible for students to bring in laptop bags unless specifically given permission by the School.
3. The School can only provide limited technical support for personal devices.
4. Charging points for student use are very limited and therefore students should ensure that their devices are fully-charged before bringing them to school.
5. The use of devices in lessons is entirely at the discretion of the teacher.
6. The device must not be connected to the internet via a 4G/5G or VPN connection.
7. Students will be responsible for maintaining their own devices.
8. Any work saved on devices will not be backed up in school. Students are advised to store important files on their Google account (My Drive) or Microsoft One Drive. Memory sticks are not allowed.

### **Monitoring of the Policy**

The policy will be monitored by the Assistant Head, Head of Sixth Form, Digital Learning Coordinator and Senior Deputy Head to monitor its implementation by means of staff and student feedback.

**Links to other policies**

- [Acceptable Use Policy](#)