



Personal Device Policy for Students

The goal of this policy is to promote the safety and health of Clearview Youth (CY) and Clearview Community Church (CCC).

- 1) Youth workers will discourage students from using personal devices during youth programming except in an emergency, to contact a parent or guardian, or for personal health/benefit reasons.
- 2) Youths may not use their personal devices excessively during youth events and regular programming.
- 3) Youths may not use their personal devices for 'sexting', viewing pornographic media, or to view or share any inappropriate material.
- 4) Youths who violate this policy may lose personal device privileges or be removed from the youth ministry program. CY & CCC reserves the right to dismiss students from any programming and event where illegal or harmful behaviour occurs.
- 5) Youths who violate this policy may be requested to not return to youth programming and events.
- 6) Youths who violate this policy will be asked to surrender their personal devices to a youth worker until the youth program/event is over. Failure to surrender a personal device upon request will result in immediate dismissal from the youth program/event.
- 7) Youths who violate this policy may be placed on a "Personal Devices Prohibited" list. Students on this list must check all Personal Devices with a youth worker upon arrival and will not be allowed access to their Personal Devices except in an emergency or for personal health/benefit reasons; under direct supervision.

It is the opinion and understanding of CY that the excessive and inappropriate use of Personal Devices and Social Media can be harmful to students' physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well being.

"The reason we live in a culture increasingly without faith is not because science has somehow disproved the unprovable but because the white noise of secularism has removed the very stillness in which it might endure or be reborn....If churches came to realize that the greatest threat to faith today is not hedonism but distraction, perhaps they might again appeal anew to a frazzled digital generation." ¹

¹ <https://bridgetown.church/teaching/unhurrying-with-a-rule-of-life/4370/>