

Why do we have a no phone environment?

There are harms with devices and the internet which includes lowered attention span and intelligence and an increase in addiction and sexual immorality. This is not good for ourselves and others and also not reflective of who we are meant to be as a child of God. This is also in line with our schools having a no phone policy from Term 4 2023.

What's a no phone environment?

Youths need to turn their phone on silent or off and place it in their bags. It needs to be out of sight. This also includes any devices that may hinder their interaction and engagement with the program and others.

When will it be enforced?

At the moment, it'll be during our formal program on Fridays which is 5:30pm-7:30pm.

What happens if youths use their phones?

They will be given a warning. If it happens again, their phones will be confiscated. If it happens again, their phones will be confiscated and their parents notified. If the behaviour continues, one of the pastors will decide whether the youth can be respectful towards the program, people and property and keep coming along to youth group.

What happens if they need to make a call?

Non urgent calls should be made before or after the program. They can ask a leader if they need to make an urgent call. The leader will then make a judgement and either call the necessary person with their or the youth's phone.

What happens if a youth needs to be contacted?

The parent or guardian can contact a youth leader or the youth pastor for any questions or issues.

Are there any exceptions?

Please speak to the pastor for any exemptions and exceptional circumstances. The youth leaders may use their devices in cases of emergency, logistics or to photo/record events.

What happens if a youth needs to pay (e.g. dinner or a donation) using their phones?

They can use cash or they can make a transfer afterwards.

Will youths survive without a phone?

Yes (as they did before they were invented). We'll structure our program so that they won't need access to their phones.

How will students tell the time?

They can ask a leader or look at the clock or their watches.