



## MGSC Students experiencing noise sensitivity (requesting use of noise cancelling wireless earplugs)

Mentone Girls' Secondary College provides support for students with individual learning needs. In providing support the school's approach policy has always been consistent with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) policy for student applying for Special Examination Arrangements.

### Need for Noise Cancelling Wireless Earplugs

On occasion a student will have a diagnosed condition where they have difficulty in noisy environments and/or find it difficult to concentrate in class or during a learning activity.

The student may request the use of noise cancelling earplugs at school.

For this to be considered, documentation must be provided to their Student Manager, Director of Sub-school, Wellbeing staff member or Assistant Principal. This could be a letter from a psychologist or registered mental health professional.

### APPROVED USE OF NOISE CANCELLING EARPLUGS

If permission has been approved for the use of noise cancelling earplugs at school, the following conditions apply:

- The purpose of wearing noise cancelling earplugs is to reduce noise, not listen to music/sound.
- Noise cancelling earplugs are not for use during teacher instruction (only writing/working time).
- Noise cancelling earplugs cannot be connected to music or sound (e.g., mobile phone, computer, other wireless connection).
- If the noise cancelling earplugs do not serve their purpose and the student is not managing in class, they are to go to First Aid for a short period of time-out, then return to class. If a return to class is not possible the parent/guardian will be contacted to collect the student.
- Noise cancelling earplugs can be worn during loud assemblies or sporting events as agreed to and stated in school documentation (e.g., Individual Learning Plan, Student support group meeting minutes, etc).
- Loop noise cancelling earplugs are the only approved device at MGSC. They can be purchased online: <https://au.loopearplugs.com/products/quiet/>. Should financial difficulties be experienced the family can request assistance from the school.

- If a request is made to vary this policy the treating clinician must provide documentation supporting this request. A variation to the policy will not automatically be accepted without further consultation.

## COMMUNICATION

- Approved use of noise cancelling earplugs will be communicated to staff members on the student's Compass page (coloured dot)
- This policy will be communicated to our school community on the school website.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- MGSC Mobile Phone & Related Technologies Policy

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	2023
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	2027