

Electronic Devices Policy

OUR PURPOSE

Schools have a responsibility to maximize the educational potential of a growing range of electronic devices whilst ensuring that such devices are always used in appropriate and safe ways.

OUR POLICY

The range of electronic devices available to students is growing and many of these have legitimate uses within the school or in travelling to and from school.

The use of electronic devices is only of concern if they are used in inappropriate or disruptive ways.

The school has rules and procedures to guide the safe use of electronic devices at school and in the broader context of school.

This policy and its intent is communicated to all students and their parents.

Inappropriate, unsafe, disruptive or illegal behaviour using electronic devices is managed in line with the school's discipline code and the discipline code and the policies of the NSW Department of Education and Training.

OUR PRACTICE

Inappropriate uses of electronic devices include:

- Using devices to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass another student or staff member;
- Using devices to photograph or video images that will be used to bully, intimidate or harass any other student or staff member;
- Lending devices to other students who use them to bully, intimidate or harass others;
- Disrupting the school or allowing others to disrupt the school through the use of electronic devices.

- While students may bring mobile phones and other electronic devices to school, they do so at their own risk and on the understanding that they may only be used in ways that are safe and do not disrupt the school.
- The use of mobile phones, the Internet, email, digital camera or video-recording device to cause harm to any student or staff member is a breach of the school discipline code and will be dealt with accordingly.
- Students turn off their mobile phones and check them in at the school office on arrival at school each day and collect them on leaving each day.
- Electronic devices may not be lent to other students for any purpose.
- Electronic devices that are used in harmful or disrupted ways are taken to the school office for safe-keeping and returned to parents at the earliest convenience of parents and school staff.

- The policy is circulated to all students at the time of implementation and to all new enrolments.
- A summary of the policy is included in the newsletter each year.
- Students are briefed on the policy as appropriate.

Inappropriate behaviour using electronic devices may lead to:

- any of the sanctions included in the school's discipline code;
- a meeting with parents;
- suspension or expulsion from school.