

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mobile Phones, iPods etc.

It is preferred that students **do not** bring personal electronic devices onto school grounds. They can create issues for schools and their security cannot be guaranteed. If students do bring these devices to school, it is at their own risk and the following policy applies:

- Students must have **mobile phones** turned off and they must be away during all classes. Students are allowed to access and send SMS's before and after school, and at recess and lunch times.
- **Voice calls are not permitted at any time** during the school day. Students are to use the landline in the front office (with permission) to make a call if the matter is urgent.
- Under **NO** circumstances is a student permitted to use their personal electronic device to access any inappropriate content or site, bully or harass others at school, or take photographs.
- Students must have personal music devices turned off and they must be away during all classes. They are permitted to be used with earphones before and after school, and at recess and lunch breaks, as long as the noise does not distract others.
- Students may only use their phone or personal music device in class for educational purposes and with the express permission of their class teacher. It is acknowledged that in specific instances staff may allow the use of music devices in certain classes by negotiation.
- Failure to abide by this policy will be dealt with by the school MSB policy. This may include specific consequences imposed such as short term confiscation of the device, banning of the device being brought to school etc.

Please note:

Carrying electronic devices close to your body and/or for extended periods of use may constitute a health risk.