

# ELECTRONIC DEVICES

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- The use of pagers, iPhones, iPods, MP3 players and similar devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of some students. These devices are not permitted during class time, unless they are tools sanctioned by the teacher for the purpose of the lesson.

### Aims:

- To ensure that optimal learning opportunities are available for all students, free of distraction and unnecessary noise.

### Implementation:

- Mobile phones are not allowed at school.
- Other electronic devices such as those listed above may be brought to school for the purpose of using after school or during bus travel on camps and excursions.
- Consequently, we permit but discourage the bringing of electronic devices to school.
- Electronic devices will be confiscated, labelled and taken to the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day if they are sighted or used during class lessons, assemblies, in the library or any other time it is reasonable to expect the student to be listening to a teacher or involved in learning.
- Students refusing to hand over an electronic device to a teacher for confiscation can reliably expect to face serious disciplinary consequences.
- Repeat offenders can expect further disciplinary action.
- Neither the Department of Education nor our school have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.

### Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on...

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