



Mobile and Electronic Device Policy

This policy reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using personal technology devices.

Definition: Personal Technology Devices include, but is not limited to, games devices (such as portable gaming devices, Nintendo DS®), laptop computers, PDAs, BlackBerry®, cameras and/or voice recording devices (whether or not integrated with a mobile phone or MP3 player), mobile telephones, iPods®, iPads® and devices of a similar nature. Devices used to monitor blood glucose levels for students with Type 1 Diabetes are permitted.

Use of Personal Technology Devices at School

It is recognised at Highfields State Secondary College that some devices (e.g. smart phones, iPods and tablets) may be used to support the learning experience of students. At some times such devices may be used by students during class time or during extra-curricular activities. However, students must be under the supervision of a teacher while using the device. When not required for learning the device must be turned off while on the college campus.

Personal Technology Devices are NOT to be used during morning tea and lunch breaks and before and after school while on the school grounds.

Consequences

Permitted personal technology devices used contrary to this policy on school premises will be confiscated by school staff. They will be made available for collection from the college office at the end of the school day unless required to be kept for purposes of disciplinary investigation, when it will only be returned in the presence of a parent.

Where a device has been handed in to the office on three occasions within a term, the device will be kept until collected by the student's parent or care giver. Students who have a personal technology device confiscated more than once will not be permitted to have a personal technology device at school for at least one month, or longer if deemed necessary by the Principal.

Devices potentially containing evidence of criminal offences may be reported to the police. In such cases police may take possession of such devices for investigation purposes and students and parents will be advised to contact Queensland Police Service (QPS) directly.

Lost/Stolen/Damaged Devices

Any personal electronic device brought into the school grounds remain the responsibility of the student at all times. Highfields State Secondary College takes no responsibility for any personal electronic devices that are lost, stolen or damaged.