

Dowerin District High School



Electronic & Mobile Phone Policy

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Principal is responsible for the creation and maintenance of a safe and positive learning environment and the development of processes for the effective management of student behaviour. The Principal must use approaches which:

- are preventative in nature;
- promote pro-social behaviour, student wellbeing and the development of self discipline.

2. BACKGROUND

Mobile phones are increasingly prevalent in schools. While parents provide mobile phones to their children for safety and other reasons, it is necessary that staff and students not be disrupted by mobile phones in classrooms and to maintain good order in public schools. Due to the advancement of technology and the community acceptance of mobile technology, guidelines need to be put in place to prevent the misuse of this technology in class and to individuals.

3. PROCEDURES

3.1 SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy should be read in conjunction with the:

- Behaviour Management in Schools (Department of Education)

This policy extends to situations where the Principal is directly responsible for students, including incursions and excursions.

3.2 MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT ELECTRONICS AND MOBILE PHONES

Student electronics and mobile phones are **not** permitted.

- It is recommended that students do not bring electronics or phones to school.
- If necessary, students may contact parents or guardians through the front office.
- If a student chooses to bring an electronic device or mobile phone to school, it must be turned off and left at the front office throughout the school day.th
- Parents needing to contact students can do so by phoning the school and a message will be passed on to the students.
- Students may use electronic devices and phones at the end of the day once they have left the school premises.
- The school takes no responsibility for theft or damage of electronics and mobile phones that have been inappropriately stored throughout school hours.
- Parents and students will be notified of this policy through school communications.

3.3 POLICY BREACHES

A student who is caught with an electronic device or mobile phone in their possession on school premises, or during incursions or excursions, will be in breach of this policy. In case of breaches:

- Electronics and mobile phones will be confiscated and stored in the front office. A parent or guardian will be required to collect it. It will not be released to the student.
- Further sanctions may apply at the discretion of the Deputy Principal and/or Principal.

Please Note: Principals are able to suspend students found to be involved in recording, distributing or uploading inappropriate images of videos of students, parents and teachers.

4. RELATED DOCUMENTS

4.1 RELEVANT LEGISLATION OR AUTHORITY

School Education Act 1999- Sections 89 to 96, 223

School Education Act Regulations 2000- Regulations 38 to 46

5. DEFINITIONS

5.1 ELECTRONICS

A wireless portable electronic device that is capable of storing, taking digital media and/or transmitting data/information. These devices include, but are not limited to:

- Palm held devices (eg: Tablet, iPad, gaming devices etc)
- Hand held devices (eg: iPod, MP3/Music, gaming devices etc)
- Wearable devices (eg: Apple Watch)
- Any device that contains a mobile operating system (EG: Android, ISO, or Windows based etc)

5.2 MOBILE PHONES

A wireless portable electronic device that is capable of storing, taking digital media and/or transmitting data/information. These devices include, but are not limited to:

- iPhones
- Android based
- Feature phones(non-smart phones)
- Any device capable of a phone call