



ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Rationale

- The use of mobile phones, 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 at our school.

Aim

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

Implementation

- Students who have a mobile phone or electronic device for use before or after school must have them switched off and handed in at the office for the duration of the school day.
- Consequently, we permit but discourage the bringing of electronic devices to school.
- If electronic devices are sighted or used during class lessons, assemblies, in the library or any other time, they will be confiscated, labelled and taken to the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day.
- Neither the DET nor our school have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. (see personal goods policy) 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.
- iPads are excluded for students in grade 5/6 as they constitute part of the curriculum.
- Teachers who have personal devices should not use them during class time for personal use.
- Students who bring electronic devices to school for sharing must give their device to their class teacher at the start of the day, then once it has been shared it need to be taken to the office.
- Exceptions will be made if a device is needed for medical reasons.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the policy review schedule.