

# Appropriate Use of Mobile Phones and Other Electronic Equipment by Students



## Information inclusion guideline for developing school based mobile phone and other electronic equipment policy

Consider inclusion of any of the following within the school's policy:

- the importance of students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone or electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality)
- the use of mobile phone or electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school
- outlining the expected appropriate and inappropriate use of mobile phone or electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) during class
- the requirement that all student mobile phones and electronic equipment (including those with Bluetooth functionality) are to be switched off and out of sight during classes, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning
- the requirement that students should only use mobile phones or electronic equipment (including those with Bluetooth functionality) before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning
- not using in-phone cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets
- negotiation with relevant staff when students are wishing to use these devices in special circumstances
- communicate that the use of mobile phones and electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) that contravene the school's 'Acceptable Use Policy' will lead to the devices being confiscated by school staff, with collection/return to occur at the end of the school day where the device is not required for further investigation
- invasion of privacy through the recording of personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. via Multi Media Messaging Service, Bluetooth) of such material will result in disciplinary action and contravenes the [Invasion of Privacy Act 1971 \(Qld\)](#).
- the sending of text messages or posting of statements to websites that contain obscene language and/or threats of violence may amount to bullying and or harassment or even stalking, and will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially police investigation
- mobile phone or electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) may not be taken into or used by students at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school staff.

