ELECTRONIC DEVICES – LAPTOPS, MOBILE PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS, IPODS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Intent

All classes must function in a manner where students and teachers are engaged in teaching and learning without unnecessary distraction. It is also the right of every student to be free of bullying and harassment through text messaging.

Summary

The use of electronic devices is permitted in class as a learning tool and at teacher discretion. Failure to follow teacher instruction on the basis of appropriate use will be considered level 1 behaviour and the device will be confiscated.

Policy

The school discourages students from bringing mobile phones to school and accepts no responsibility in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device. In emergencies, parents can always contact the office to relay information to students.

However, if these devices are brought to school despite this advice, the following applies:

- It is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using these devices.
- These devices should not be used where disruption will result.
- Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against any student who photographs or video’s other individuals without their consent, or who sends harassing or threatening text messages.
- Students who use video imagery to motivate or incite violence at school will be treated in a similar manner to those who commit the violent act.
- Students are responsible for the safe keeping of their electronic devices.

Procedures

Electronic devices used in class or at any other inappropriate time will be confiscated and stored in the Student Hub for the remainder of the day. They may be retrieved from 3.00pm. Repeat offenders may lose the right to bring electronic devices to school as it is considered that they are deliberately disobeying school rules.