

MOBILE PHONES, Broadband Wireless Modems, Cameras, Ear Buds/Phones and other DIGITAL Electronic Equipment – REGULATIONS



The School prefers students not to have MOBILES, Broadband Wireless Modems, Cameras, Ear Buds/Phones and other DIGITAL Electronic Equipment at school. However we realise that students may have legitimate reasons to carry a mobile phone within the defined guidelines.

REGULATIONS	CONSEQUENCES
<p>Lesson 1 - teachers remind students "Are your phones turned off?"</p> <p>1. Mobile phones ETC must be switched off and out of sight for the duration of the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in-class time - phones will NOT be used in grounds at breaks - silent or discreet settings are not acceptable. <p>Consequences - Any mobile phone/digital device sighted being put into use will be confiscated by a staff member and the Behaviour Management Policy followed.</p> <p>2. Phones can be turned on again when students leave the school gate in the afternoon.</p> <p>3. If Students need to contact their Parent / Guardian during the school day they can access the student phone in the office during break times.</p> <p>4 In an emergency, if Parents / Guardians need to contact their son/daughter during the school day, they can ring the main office/student service centres and a message will be relayed as soon as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In an emergency, if Students need to contact parents / guardians during the day, they can ask the main office / mini school receptionist to make the call. <p>5. Any device with a camera is not to be used anywhere unless instructed by staff to capture images for curriculum purposes.</p> <p>6. Exams/assessment - the Behaviour Management procedures will be followed where a mobile phone or other device is used to cheat.</p> <p>7. CYBERBULLYING, Bullying, harassing or threatening messages are an offence in accordance with the schools Behaviour Management Policy.</p> <p>We uphold the value of trust and the right to privacy at Gympie State High School. Students using personal technology devices to record inappropriate behaviours or incidents (such as vandalism, fighting, bullying, staged fighting or pranks etc.) for the purpose of dissemination among the student body or outside the school, by any means ,including distribution by phone or internet posting, may end in being suspended.</p> <p>8. The policy applies to students during all school activities including excursions and camps.</p> <p>9. The school accepts no responsibility for mobile phones that are brought to school and undertakes no responsibility to investigate their misplacement, loss or theft unless it can be established that the misplacement, loss or theft resulted from the school's negligence.</p>	<p>Any MOBILES, Broadband Wireless Modems, Cameras, Ear Buds/Phones and other DIGITAL Electronic Equipment can be used under teacher direction.</p> <p>Digital electronic equipment being put into use without teacher instruction will be confiscated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The confiscated item will be taken to the Main Office by the staff member: ➤ Office Staff will RECORD on REGISTER the confiscated digital item; mobile phone etc... ➤ Student to collect from front office at 3.10pm <p>Confiscated Mobile/other digital item taken to the office a second time or third time are to be collected by the parent.</p> <p>4TH AND Continuing Offences-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARENT TO COLLECT PHONE AND HAVE INTERVIEW WITH ADMIN STAFF MEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refer to Recording Private Conversations and the Invasion of Privacy Act 1971</p> <p><i>If you break the law, you may be liable to prosecution.</i></p> <p>Recording Private Conversations and the Invasion of Privacy Act 1971</p> <p>It is important that all members of the school community understand that under the <i>Invasion of Privacy Act 1971</i>, 'a person is guilty of an offence against this Act if the person uses a listening device to overhear, record, monitor or listen to a private conversation'. It is also an offence under the Act for a person who has overheard, recorded, monitored or listened to a conversation to which she/he is not a party to publish or communicate the substance or meaning of the conversation to others.</p> <p>Students need to understand that some conversations are private and therefore to overhear, record, monitor or listen to such private conversations may be in breach of this Act, unless consent to the recording is appropriately obtained.</p>