

North Rockhampton High School

Electronic Device Policy

MOBILE PHONES
& ASSOCIATED APPARATUS

RATIONALE

North Rockhampton State High School acknowledges the reality of mobile phones, IPODS, IPADS and such, as a 21st century technological tools and that technological skills are important to students' future life choices.

They are also effective communication tools and provide, particularly for parents, peace of mind about the safety and security of their children, especially, for example, when normal routines of arriving to and leaving school may be varied.

North Rockhampton State High School is committed to establishing and sustaining a safe and happy environment for students that best fosters quality learning and the social development of every child.

Every student has a right to privacy, integrity, to feel safe, and learn. Every teacher has a right to teach in a setting that is optimum to quality learning.

Phones, IPODS, MP3/4 players, IPADS and other technological devices can cause significant disruption to the learning and teaching rights of others.

This situation has led us to put in place firm rules and boundaries around the use of recording devices, phones and other electronic devices.

RECORDING DEVICES

Students may not use any recording device in the school grounds.

This includes:

- Transmitting images
- Taking photographs with a phone
- Taking photographs with a camera
- Using a tape recorder
- Using a Mobile phone/IPAD/IPOD on record setting
- Using an MP3/4 player on record setting
- Video recording

CONSEQUENCE

Disciplinary action

Option 1: Suspension

Option 2: Other depending on context

EXCEPTIONS:- *If a HOD has approved the use of a camera or video camera to record images for curriculum purposes.*

PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE

1. Students are permitted to bring mobile phones and electronic devices to school and to school related activities. **They must be switched off or on silent and out of sight upon entering the school grounds.**
2. The school reserves the right to ban mobile phones and other electronic equipment at special events.
3. Mobile phones/electronic devices are not permitted during any formal examinations. It is considered a serious misdemeanor to have a phone/electronic device in the exam room.
4. Students who do not require a phone/electronic device for parent contact are discouraged from bringing phones (and like apparatus) to school. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss or theft. Students bring mobile phones and other electronic equipment to school at their own risk.

EXCEPTIONS:-

1. Laptops for classroom use.
2. If a teacher has planned a unit of work which incorporates the use of the technology to achieve educational goals.
3. If the use of the device is part of a student's EAP.

CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE USE

1st Incident: Phone/electronic device confiscated by teacher. Placed in the phone/electronic device box in Student Services and recorded in IDAttend. Phone/electronic device handed back at end of same day.

2nd Incident: Phone/electronic device confiscated by teacher. Placed in the phone/electronic device box in Student Services and recorded in IDAttend. Phone/electronic device collected from Student Services by a parent.

3rd Incident: Phone/electronic device confiscated by teacher. Placed in the phone/electronic device box in Student Services and recorded in IDAttend. Phone/electronic device collected from Student Services by a parent. Parent informed that this is the third offence and fourth offence will result in more severe consequences (as outlined below).

4th and Subsequent Incidents: Consequences may include:

- Suspension
- Phone/electronic device signed in and out daily with the relevant year level deputy.
- Student banned from bringing phone/electronic devices to school.

Failing to hand phone/electronic device over: Reported to Administration.

Phone or electronic device is sighted or heard within the school grounds

If a phone or electronic device is sighted or heard within the school grounds, a teacher will direct the student to either:

- Hand over the phone or electronic device and it will be placed in a named envelope and stored in the secure phone/electronic device box at Student Services.

or

- Walk with the teacher and hand over the phone/electronic device to the Student Services Of fice and it will be stored in the secure phone/electronic device box.

No debate will be entered into. In line with the personal property laws, phones and electronic devices will be handed back to the student or parent at the end of the school day.