

Communication & Electronic Devices Policy

1. Rationale

- 1.1. **Definition:** For the purpose of this document the phrase *electronic device* refers to a device whose purpose includes one or more of the following:
 - 1.1.1. communication
 - 1.1.2. games
 - 1.1.3. Internet access
 - 1.1.4. music playback
- 1.2. **Definition:** For the purpose of this document the phrase *electronic communication device* refers to any electronic equipment that contains the facility to communicate wirelessly with another device.
- 1.3. Electronic communication devices are important communication tools, helpful in providing a safe and effective school environment, and providing access to the world's information. However, they can be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.
- 1.4. Modern electronic devices are multifunctional. These devices are used by many students for learning activities.
- 1.5. Teachers have a right to teach and students have a right to learn in a safe environment. Hence, students must learn the correct etiquette and the safe use for these devices.

2. Implementation

- 2.1. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student electronic devices.
- 2.2. Student's electronic devices must:
 - 2.2.1. Be voluntarily surrendered by turning them off and placing them in the secured container, provided by the school, upon entering the classroom. These will be inaccessible for the duration of the lesson.
 - 2.2.2. Not be used during class time (inside or outside), meetings, assemblies or similar organised activities unless prior permission is given by the teacher in charge.
 - 2.2.3. Be placed in the secured container when students leave the classroom during lesson time.
- 2.3. Electronic devices and students using them must not cause disruptions to classes or individuals, and must not impede a teacher's right to teach effectively or impede other students from learning effectively.
- 2.4. Electronic devices and the students using them must not degrade the safe working environment of the school.
- 2.5. The school reserves the right to prohibit students from bringing electronic devices into certain spaces or during certain activities.
- 2.6. Misuse of the device
 - 2.6.1. The school's behaviour management policy (including contact with SAPOL, as appropriate) will be used if students misuse electronic devices at school, impede a teacher's right to teach effectively, impede other students from learning effectively, or threaten the wellbeing of other students or staff.
 - 2.6.2. Students who receive two or more Timeout consequences for electronic device infringements.
 - 2.6.2.1. The Principal, or delegate, will revoke the student's privilege to bring the electronic device to school for a period of time. The period will be at the discretion of the Principal, or delegate.

