

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

POLICY

Rationale:

The vast majority of students at Korumburra Secondary College possess and carry to school with them a range of electronic devices including MP3 players, mobile phones and ipods. These devices have great potential to support student learning when used in the correct manner. Furthermore, developing an understanding of the safe and ethical use of electronic devices is important for all in the 21st century

Aims:

- To enhance our current curriculum and learning opportunities through the use of electronic devices
- To help our students develop the ability to use electronic devices in a safe and ethical manner

Implementation:

- Students will be provided with on-going explicit learning opportunities in the ethical use of electronic devices. These learning opportunities will occur at an individual level, as a form group and through externally provided presentations to large cohorts.
- During class time, while students are travelling between classes and during all school activities (excursions, other in-school organised activities etc), all electronic devices are expected to be switched off. If the use of an electronic device is appropriate for the nature of an activity being completed in class, students may use these **only after direct instruction from their teacher**.
- At all other times electronic devices may be used in a respectful and appropriate manner.
- Any devices being used in a threatening or intimidating manner will be immediately confiscated and will lead to further serious consequences. Any form of photographing or recording outside of class is considered inappropriate and will lead to further serious consequences.
- Students refusing to hand over an electronic device to a staff member for confiscation will receive serious consequences.
- Neither the Department of Education nor our college have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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