



## Bracken Ridge State High School Policy for Mobile Phones, Portable Music Devices, Cameras and Other Electronic Devices

Mobile phones, portable music devices with an earphone jack (including iPods, MP3 Players etc), cameras and other electronic devices are **NOT to be used** at Bracken Ridge State High School.

These devices are a disruption to the teaching and learning process, infringe upon the privacy of others when misused, and impact on students' ability to communicate and interact with their peers and teachers.

Such devices are generally NOT required as a learning tool (e.g. phone as a calculator); however, USB devices are permitted for transporting data but not for playing music. With the increasing use of IT devices in everyday life, there may at times be opportunity when such devices will be deemed appropriate for educational use in the school environment. In such circumstances, the use and supervision of such devices will be strictly controlled and not be considered acceptable beyond the subject/classroom activity.

Students using tablets (e.g. iPads) in place of writing pads need to be aware that the use of such devices beyond the subject/classroom context, but instead in a social context (for example social networking on Twitter, Facebook; accessing inappropriate web sites; taking photographs), will be deemed to be in breach of this policy and relevant consequences will subsequently apply. This applies to use both inside and outside the classroom.

Mobile phones may be handed in at the office at the beginning of the school day. The mobile phone will be safely stored and can be collected from the office at the conclusion of the school day.

A visible mobile phone, portable music device, camera or other electronic device, will be confiscated and held at the office for collection by the student in the first instance. This applies to both in the classroom and the playground, and includes all times of the school day. A letter/ message will be sent home to advise parents of the confiscation (in the first and second instance), and the consequence of suspension for repeat offences.

A third offence will result in suspension. Repeated offences, either in the classroom or the playground, will result in suspensions of increased duration.

A student who refuses a direction to hand over such items will be referred to Administration for disobedience and failure to comply with staff instructions, with appropriate consequences to be actioned. The recording or photographing of members of the school community, without permission, is considered a serious invasion of privacy and will also result in a suspension.

Parents needing to make contact with their child during the day can do so through the school office. Office staff will forward all messages to the student, where appropriate and possible.

Bracken Ridge State High School takes no responsibility for valuables (including all devices listed above) that are brought to school. Staff will NOT invest time in investigating the loss or theft of such objects.