



# Electronic Devices Including Mobile Phones

**This policy relates to the ICT Acceptable Use Policy, and should be read in conjunction with both documents.**

The Queensland Government is committed to reducing the distraction of mobile phones and other devices to provide optimal learning environments for all state school students.

From the first day of Term 1 2024, student mobile phones and certain wearable devices, such as smartwatches, will need to be 'away for the day', including during break times. This restriction applies to every student in Queensland and brings the expectation into line with all other Australian states and territories.

## General guidelines

- Mobile phones are not to be sighted on school grounds at any time.
- Devices with photographic capacity are banned from use in showers, toilets and/or change rooms at all times.
- Photographs of students or staff within the school grounds or on school related activities are only to be taken with the full permission of the person concerned.
- Personal 3/4G capabilities should be disabled in all devices. The school will take no responsibility for the content accessed by students using the 3/4G facility on their personally owned devices.

## Exemptions

Exemptions will be available in exceptional circumstances, including reasons related to disability, health and wellbeing.

## Use during breaks

- Mobile phones are not to be sighted on school grounds at any time.
- Devices such as laptops may be used at break times for personal use.
- All forms of social media will not be accessed by any device during school time.
- In circumstances where a device becomes a behaviour issue or interferes with learning, the school may confiscate the device as outlined below.

## Consequences

If a mobile phone is sighted, at any times on school grounds, the following will be enacted in accordance with DET policy (Temporary Removal of Student Property by School Staff):

- Mobile phone confiscated and stored at the office until the end of the day. Parent/carer to collect from office.
- Repeated confiscations will result in further consequences.
- Refusal to cooperate with confiscation – consequences will apply for failing to follow school processes as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

**Parents needing to contact students during class or any other times are required to call the school office on 07 3491 5444.**