

Electronic Communication Devices Policy and Procedures

Rationale:

Electronic communication devices such as mobile phones, I-Pods, laptops and other personal music or communication devices should not impact on teaching and learning:

- **At school** all phones should be **turned off or placed in silent mode** (no buzzing or vibrating) during class time. Students are not permitted to make calls, respond to calls or send SMS messages whilst in class.
- Under no circumstances should electronic communication devices be used or in the student's possession during exams or formal assessment tasks.
- I-pods and music players should not be used at excursion venues unless explicit permission is given ahead of time by the organising teacher.
- If these items are brought to school, safe keeping and security of each item is the responsibility of the owner.

Outcomes:

Consequences of Inappropriate Use of Telecommunication Devices

The following consequences may be put in place as a result of inappropriate use of communication devices:

- Mobile phones and/or other devices may be confiscated from individual students. In some cases, parents may be asked to collect them.
- Students who continue to breach the [Code of Practice](#) may be deemed to be judged persistently disobedient under the DET Discipline policy.
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Evaluation:

The Smith's Hill High School community will regularly review the policy.