Inappropriate Use

Students using a PDD inappropriately will face disciplinary action in line with the School’s Student Behaviour Management policy and Procedures.

- Students will receive a warning due to their inattention.
- After receiving a warning if the inappropriate use continues students will be sent to Focus and Parents will be contacted.
- In the instance of viewing inappropriate material, permission to view the contents of the phone may be sought and depending on the material, arrangements may then be made for the parents or police to collect it.
- Breaches of this policy may result in the withdrawal of the agreement to allow the student to bring the mobile phone or PDD to school.
- Students are not to engage in antisocial behaviour, in particular using a mobile phone to threaten, bully or harass others, as it is a criminal offence.
- Possession and/or sharing of offensive or pornographic material via a mobile phone or PDD is a criminal offence.

In any instance where it is likely a criminal offence has been committed, the Principal is bound by law to involve the police.

Responsible Use

Students understand and agree to abide by the Digital Citizenship Agreement by

- Respecting the instructions of the teacher
- Having all Personal Devices off and away unless otherwise instructed by the teacher
- Understanding that, unless instructed otherwise, during lessons and educational activities, a mobile phone will not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the Internet, take photos or access any other application.
- Ensuring that audible sounds or music are not disruptive to anyone.

What can parents/caregivers do?

Be supportive of our legal responsibility to ensure that WHS is safe.

Understand that the school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged electronic devices.

Be mindful that in cases of emergency the school office is the appropriate point of contact and we can ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted appropriately.
Policy Statement

In class/Lesson times:

• Generally all Mobile Phones and Personal Digital Devices are to be OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT
• Students must seek teacher permission to use mobile phones or PDD’s for a specific purpose during lessons.
• Listening to music or audio, IF permitted by the teacher, must be via headphones and not be audible.

During study times:

• During scheduled study times, students can only use mobile phones or PDD’s for educational purposes and in a responsible manner.
• Students must be considerate and aware of situations where using their

At break times:

• PDD’s and mobile phones may be used provided they aren’t used to cause embarrassment or harm to their fellow students, staff or visitors to the school.

Excursions and Camps:

• Excursions and camps are an extension of classroom lesson time with a specific learning objective
• Digital devices may be used only with the permission of the supervising teacher by negotiation.

Policy Pretext

The widespread ownership of mobile phones and Personal Digital Devices (PDD’s) among young people requires that school administrators, teachers, students, and parents take steps to ensure that they are used responsibly.

PDD’s include but are not limited to: iPod/MP3 Players, digital organisers, Laptop computers, Tablets/Ipads, Portable Gaming devices and mobile Internet connection devices.

This Policy is designed to ensure that potential issues are clearly understood and conflicts avoided, enabling their benefits to be enjoyed by our students. Students and their parents/care-givers must read and understand this Policy, which also applies during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.