



LAKE WINDEMERE
B-7 SCHOOL
The nature of learning.

Smart Devices Policy



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Rationale

The use of smart devices have become a normal form of communication for many families in our school community. The core business of our school is to support teaching and learning in an environment that is free from distractions and disruptions. The school discourages devices being brought to school but accepts there are times when this is necessary. This Smart Devices policy is designed to ensure that all technology is used safely and does not disrupt the learning of any student.

Definitions

Smart Device – an electronic device that connects to other devices or networks via different wireless protocols such as Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3G, etc. that can operate to some extent interactively and autonomously. This includes but is not limited to; mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, AirPods, headphones and laptops.

Roles and Responsibilities

Students

- Smart devices are brought to school at entirely the owner's risk. The school will not be held responsible over any damage, loss or theft.
- Smart devices must be switched off and kept in the student's school bag or in a teacher cupboard during the day.
- Smart devices cannot be used to call, text, access the internet or use any type of social media while on the school grounds.
- For the protection of other students' privacy, smart devices cannot be used to take photos or videos on school grounds.
- Smart devices should not be taken into the yard at any break time.
- Students in breach of this policy will be instructed to pass their device to a member of the leadership team for the rest of the day.
- If a student continues to breach the policy, they will need to hand their device into the front office every morning before entering their class.

School Staff

- Personal smart devices and other technology are brought to school at entirely the owner's risk.
- Personal smart devices are to be switched to silent or turned off during class teaching and learning periods and during scheduled school meetings.
- Staff will monitor students' usage of smart devices and follow correct procedures if breaches are made.

Parents and Carers

- Support the school's Smart Devices Policy and reinforce the requirements of the policy to their child.
- Parents will contact Administration when needing to communicate with their child during school hours. This remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in any appropriate way.

Inappropriate Conduct

Smart devices may not be used to personally attack or harass another person, or post private information about another person. Students using smart devices to bully other students will face disciplinary actions at school. Students and parents/carers of students affected by any bullying or harassment will also be advised to report the incident to the social media platform or service provider as this type of behaviour contravenes the telecommunications act.