



LAMBTON HIGH SCHOOL

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & ENTERTAINMENT DEVICE POLICY

This policy covers all electronic communication and entertainment devices including (but not limited to):

- *Mobile Phones*
- *Audio players* (e.g. Radio/CD players, MP3 players, IPODs, etc.)
- *Video Players* (e.g. portable DVD players or other devices capable of playing video)
- *Cameras* (except where used with permission of teacher as part of curriculum experience, e.g. Photography or Visual Arts)
- *Entertainment devices* (e.g. portable computer games such as Gameboys)

Lambton High School **DOES NOT** endorse the use of mobile phones and other personal electronic entertainment and communication devices by any students on the school premises. However, the school understands that many parents/caregivers approve of their children taking mobile phones to school for various good reasons and we therefore seek parental support in ensuring students follow this school policy.

Students with electronic communication and entertainment devices on school premises are to follow these guidelines:

MOBILE PHONES

- Device must be **switched off** when the bell rings at the start of the day until students are dismissed from school at the end of the day.
- Keep it out of sight and secure
- Make sure your name is written on it for security
- Take precautions to avoid loss of expensive personal electronic items - keep a full record of serial numbers and receipts at home in a safe place. The school does not accept nor take any responsibility for the loss or theft of any such device whilst on school premises in student possession.
- Permission for a student to use a mobile phone at school will **ONLY** be granted under **extenuating** circumstances and with the approval of the **Principal**.

Entertainment devices such as MP3's and IPOD's are allowed to be used during lunch breaks.

DURING EXAMS & ASSESSMENT TASKS

- Students using electronic communication and entertainment devices during exams will be dealt with through the assessment and examination policies of the school.

MISUSE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION & ENTERTAINMENT DEVICES BY STUDENTS

- Students caught with or using electronic communication or entertainment devices at school will be given a warning and asked to put the item away.
- If the student continues to use the device at school then the device will be confiscated and stored securely until the parent/caregiver is able to collect the device.
- Harassment or bullying using mobile phones will be treated very seriously under the NSW Department of Education and Training "Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students". Punishment can include suspension from school. This includes using videoing violent acts.

Parents/caregivers are asked not to contact students on their mobile phone during school hours. In case of emergency please ring the school directly. Likewise, students are not to call parents while on the school premises. A school phone is available on request with the Deputy Principal.