



Electronic Device Policy

Mareeba State High School believes that personal technology devices are not required for the purpose of quality teaching and learning and therefore are not permitted whilst at school. The electronic devices policy applies to the following items:

Mobile phones, CD players, ipods, MP3's, music players/walkmans, headphones, cameras, electronic games, trading cards, laser lights or any other electronic device that causes disruption to learning or safety.

The expectations outlined in this policy apply to all students from when they enter the school gates until 3.05pm (before school, after school or during breaks).

1. Students must not have such devices in their possession at any time.
2. Should students bring the devices to school, they must be handed in at Student Services when they enter the school grounds and collected at 3.05 pm. This ensures security of the devices.
3. If students are found to have them in their possession, or are using electronic devices (before school, after school or during breaks), teachers will request they be handed in to Student Services. Students will be issued a slip confirming they have handed the device into Student Services. The consequence will be as follows:
1st Instance – Lunch Detention and Student collects the device at the end of the school day
2nd Instance – Lunch Detention and Parent collects the device at their earliest convenience
3rd Instance – Suspension and Parent collects the device at their earliest convenience
Further Instances – Suspension of an increased length and Parent collects the device at their earliest convenience.

Confiscation of mobile phones records will be reset at the start of each term.

4. If Mobile Phone is used during Exam/Test, student will be suspended.
5. Students using personal technology devices to record inappropriate behaviours or incidents (such as vandalism, fighting, bullying, staged fighting or pranks etc) for the purpose of dissemination among the student body or outside the school, by any means (including distribution by phone or internet posting) will result in suspension and may be reported to the Queensland Police Service.
6. Students are not permitted to bring personal cameras to school or use mobile phones to take photos of students or staff in the school grounds. Any student doing this will be suspended.
7. The only Electronic ITEM permitted to carry information will be a USB DRIVE (NO WRIST USB DRIVES) and this must only contain school work. (USB's which contain inappropriate or offensive material will be confiscated and parent contacted).
8. Students participating in subjects that requires them to use a camera, digital camera, video camera or another electronic device as part of the course of study may use those devices as part of the study program. In most cases the use of these devices will be limited to the classroom or the specific area being used for learning. Students allowed possession of these devices are not allowed under any circumstance to use these devices at any other time (before school, after school or during breaks) for any other purpose or in any other area of the school (classrooms, parade area, school oval etc.)
9. Students in the senior stage of learning (Year 11 and 12) and undertaking a course of all, or mostly, General subjects may be permitted to bring a laptop for use in their studies, research, and classwork, in consultation with their teacher. Personal laptop devices will not have access to the school network. Laptops should support a basic suite of programs to assist student work requirements.
Laptops and their security will remain the responsibility of the student at all times.
Any inappropriate use of laptop devices in relation to the above policy will result in the student's privilege being revoked

All expectations will be applied in the interests of quality, safety & security.