



## PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

### **Student use of Personal Electronic Devices**

There have been significant changes in the availability and use of personal technologies in recent years. The use in the general community of mobile phones, personal games consoles (PSP, Nintendo DS) and portable music players (iPods, MP3 players) has led to increased use of these devices by students.

The management of these devices is necessary, especially the impact that these devices have on lesson instruction and good order and management of the school site.

The foundation of Atherton State High's Students who repeatedly refuse to comply with this policy will be dealt with through the school's *Responsible Behaviour Plan*.

For this reason, student usage of electronic devices is not permitted at Atherton State High School. If these devices are seen or heard, they will be confiscated. Usage of electronic devices is not permitted and, unless their usage is specifically requested by a staff member as part of a class activity or excursion, will see the device confiscated.

Atherton SHS recommends that these devices are not brought to school. Students should use USB memory sticks to store data.

Students who are required to have an electronic device outside of school operating hours should do the following:

1. Deliver the device to the office for safe keeping upon arrival to school and the device will be returned to the student that afternoon at the completion of the school day, or
2. Store and secure the device so that it is not confiscated.

### **Staff Use of Personal Electronic Devices**

Staff will model responsible use of electronic devices in public areas of the school. Devices will be turned off during class and meeting times. Staff should use professional judgement in ensuring students' and their own safety in specific circumstances (e.g. on excursions, PGD etc).

### **Consequences of Misuse**

It is a reasonable expectation that staff will enforce the *Personal Electronic Devices Policy*.

### **Students will comply with all reasonable requests from staff.**

In the event that a student does not follow this policy, the following consequences will apply:

- Immediate confiscation by the teacher;
- Electronic device will be taken to the office as soon as possible where the teacher will label the device for future collection;
- Collection can only be made by parent/guardian. The device will not be returned to the student.
- Students who repeatedly refuse to comply with this policy will be dealt with through the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan.

### **Security**

**Atherton State High School will not take responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any electronic devices that are brought onto the school grounds.** Atherton State High recommends that these devices are left at home.

### **Urgent messages to students**

Well established systems exist should a student need to receive a message. Please contact the school on 40 305 222 and students will receive any urgent messages.