

# The Use of Mobile Phones and Personal Technology Devices at School

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When using a mobile phone or electronic devices it is expected that students will display courtesy, consideration and respect for themselves, others and the school environment. Students will achieve this by adhering to the following rules –

- Students must not use a mobile phone or electronic devices in any manner that is disruptive to the normal routine of school.
- Students are not permitted to use a mobile phone or electronic devices within the school grounds, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning.
- All mobile phones and electronic devices in possession of students are to be switched off upon entry to the school. Students are required to submit their mobile phones or electronic devices to their class teacher at the soonest possible opportunity. Student phones and electronic devices are then collected at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to switch on these devices until they exit the school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to use in-phone or device cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate e.g. classrooms, change rooms, toilets, etc.
- Student use of a mobile phone or electronic devices that contravene Greenbank State School's 'Use of Personal Technology Devices Policy' will lead to the devices being confiscated by school staff, with collection/return to occur at the end of the school day should the device not be required for further investigation. Students may also be subject to consequences as outlined in the Greenbank State School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.
- Invasion of privacy through the recording of personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. via Multi Media Messaging Service, Bluetooth, Internet, etc) of such material will result in disciplinary action and contravenes the ***Invasion of Privacy Act 1971 (Qld)***.
- The sending of text messages or posting of statements to websites that contain obscene language and/or threats of violence may amount to bullying and/or harassment or even stalking, and will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially police investigation.
- Mobile phones or electronic devices may not be taken into or used by students at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school staff.
- Greenbank State School or school staff will not be held responsible for the data on or the security of a student mobile phone or electronic devices whilst connected to the school's Education Queensland network and/or while being used for school purposes.
- Families and students are to seek special permission by negotiating with relevant staff when requesting to use a mobile phone or electronic devices in special circumstances that may contravene the Greenbank State School School's 'Use of Personal Technology Devices Policy'.
- All mobile phones and personal electronic devices are bought to the school at the students' own risk.