



Broken Hill High School

No Reward Without Effort

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Policy in relation to mobile phones, camera phones, cameras and listening devices.

Students should not bring these items to school and the school will not accept responsibility for the loss or theft of such items. If brought to school these items must be turned off between 8-45am and 3-28pm. If a student needs to use a telephone (eg: in case of emergency), students should come directly to the front office or to one of the Deputy Principals or Head Teacher Welfare, who will arrange telephone access.

If these items are used/turned on during class, examinations, assemblies, performances and other formal school activities they will be confiscated. The phone will be taken to a secure place within the school. The student may collect the phone at 3-28pm. If the phone is confiscated a second time, the phone will only be returned to the student's parents/caregiver and further disciplinary action may be implemented, in line with School Disciplinary Policy.

In the case of examinations and/or assessment tasks, phones can be required to be handed in to the supervisor of the examination task. In such a case the phone/s will be sent to the office for security.

Further disciplinary action as outlined in the School Discipline and Welfare Policy will be involved if phones are brought into the school and used in any way that:

- Interferes with the learning environment or the efficient operation of the school;
- Interferes with the privacy of any member of the school community;
- Threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well being of any person;
- Is offensive or inappropriate;
- Constitutes bullying or harassment; or
- Is in breach of the law.

If it is proven that the student has used the phone to put anything on any social networking site, including Facebook during school hours, then the phone will be taken and parents contacted to come and collect the phone. If the phone is used for sending bullying and harrassing messages the phone will be banned immediately.

Further in cases where phones are used to bully, harass or threaten other members of the school community or in any other breaches of the law, the school will notify the police.

CAMERA PHONES

Camera phones are not to be used to take photographs or videos on school premises. Failure to comply will result in the confiscation of the camera phone, which will only be returned to the parent/carer. Disciplinary action as outlined in the School's Discipline Policy may be invoked. This includes placement on a level, suspension and/or police notification if used is in breach of the law.

I am aware of the rules relating to the use of mobile phones, camera phones and listening devices at Broken Hill High School.

I am aware that failure to comply with these guidelines may result in confiscation of the item and/or disciplinary action, including suspension as outlined in the School's Disciplinary Policy. In cases where use is in breach of the law, the police will be notified.

NAME:..... SIGNATURE:.....

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE:.....DATE:.....