



# Electronic Devices

## POLICY

For the purpose of establishing this policy, an electronic device is defined as any personal electronic device that is capable of playing, recording, storing or transmitting sounds, images, or data. Examples of these types of devices include Ipads, mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players, laptop computers, digital cameras and hand held game consoles such as Nintendo DSI, Nintendo Switch

### **Rationale:**

Electronic devices are important modern day communication tools. They can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed in order to maintain a safe and effective school environment.

### **Aims:**

To utilise the benefits of electronic devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

### **Implementation:**

- Each student and staff member is responsible for the security of their personal electronic devices. The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged devices whilst at school, participating in school activities or travelling to and from school.
- Electronic devices are not to be charged at school unless they have been properly tagged and tested
- The use of any electronic device to take photographs or video while at school or a school event is prohibited. This includes on buses to and from School. (School iPods/iPad are the exception.)
- Students at Sale & District Specialist School are not permitted to have electronic devices on their person during normal school hours, unless permission has been given by a teacher. This includes class time, recess and lunch times and whilst participating in school activities.
- Students are asked to hand their electronic devices to their class teacher, when they arrive at school, to be stored securely during the school day. Devices can be collected at the end of the school day.
- If a student is seen with an electronic device during the normal school day or during school activities this will be confiscated and stored securely in the relevant building. Students will then be required to collect the device from the main office at the end of the day.

- Should a student re-offend by using an electronic device during the school day or during school activities the device will then be retained and the Parent/Guardian will be asked to collect it. They shall, in turn, be asked to ensure that their child does not bring the device back to school.
- Parents/Guardians are able to phone the school in emergencies and their child will be given a message or brought to the phone to speak with the parent/guardian.

### **Inappropriate conduct**

- It is inappropriate for any student to use derogatory and objectionable images or language while using any electronic device at school or found on a device at school.
- It is inappropriate for students to use mobile phones or other electronic devices to engage in personal attacks, harass another person, post private information about another person, or take/send photos or objectionable images. This action can constitute bullying, harassment or even trafficking pornography. If a criminal offence occurs, police will be notified.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle and will be reviewed November 2022.

Principal\_\_\_\_\_

**OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY** - Sale & District Specialist School (S&DSS) is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making. S&DSS has zero tolerance for child abuse.

S&DSS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the diversity of all children, including the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities and vulnerable children. S&DSS is a safe and inclusive school for all people including LGBTI people.

Every person involved in S&DSS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.