

MOBILE PHONE/PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

KEEBRA PARK
STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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Introduction

Keebra Park State High School Mobile Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy aligns with the mandated guidelines set forth by the Queensland Department of Education's "Away for the Day" policy.

'Away for the day' promotes a strong focus on educational achievement, student wellbeing and engagement by:

- Providing optimal learning and teaching environments.
- Encouraging increased face-to-face social interactions between students.
- Promoting the health and wellbeing of students through increased social interaction and physical activity.
- Reducing the potential for students to be exposed to the negative impacts of the digital world, resulting from unsafe or inappropriate technology use.

Use of Mobile Phones and/or Personal Electronic Devices:

- Students are permitted to bring their mobile phones to school; however, all students (except for those with recorded exemptions) are required to keep their mobile phones switched off and 'away for the day' and disable notifications on any wearable devices during school hours.
- Students cannot access and use their mobile phone or wearable device on school grounds or at school activities from the time the student arrives at school, until the conclusion of the school day at 2:45pm.
- Students cannot use linkable devices such as headphones or earpods during school hours unless they are linked to an approved learning device (e.g., laptop or computer).
- Formal exemption from this policy will be granted for students who require access to their mobile phone or wearable device during school hours for medical and disability reasons only.
- Mobile phones are to be stored at the responsibility of the student during school hours. Examples of appropriate mobile phone storage include, but are not limited to:
 - on their person (e.g., in student's pocket or pencil case);
 - in the student's school bag;
 - in student lockers.
- Mobile phones and wearable devices are not to be used during school activities such as representative sport, camps, and excursions, unless an exception is made by the Principal. If this is the case, information will be included in the excursion permission form.
- Parents who need to urgently contact students MUST do so through the administration office. Please ring 07 5509 2555 and staff will ensure that students receive messages.



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Consequences for Inappropriate Use

Should a mobile device be seen by staff, students will be instructed to hand in their device to Student Services for the remainder of the day. The confiscated item will be taken to Student Services by the student where the student can collect the device at the end of the school day. The item will be logged and receipted by Student Services. Refusal by students to co-operate will result in a referral to administration and may result in further consequences as per the school's Student Code of Conduct. Any further offences will mean the item will be confiscated and parents will be required to collect the device from Student Services.

If a student does not comply with the school's Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy, the Principal, or delegated officer, may impose consequences as per the Student Code of Conduct:

Cases where phones have been used to break the law may be referred to the police, in particular, transmission of any sexually explicit images "sexting" may result in perpetrators being placed on a sexual offender's register. The school will assist Queensland Police in any investigation in compliance with relevant acts.

Relevant Legislation and Policies:

Education (General Provisions) Act 2006

Invasion of Privacy Act 1971

SMS-PR-021: Safe, Supportive and a Disciplined School Environment

SCM-PR-003: Appropriate use of mobile telephones and other electronic equipment by student

The Commonwealth's Criminal Code Act 1995



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