

Recording Device Policy



RULE

Students may not use any recording device in the school grounds.

This includes:

- Transmitting images
- Taking photographs with a phone
- Taking photographs with a camera
- Using a tape recorder
- Using a Mobile phone on record setting
- Using a MP3 player on record setting
- Video recording

CONSEQUENCE

Disciplinary action

EXCEPTIONS:- *If a HOD has approved the use of a camera or video camera to record images for curriculum purposes.*

RATIONALE

Gladstone State High School acknowledges the efficacy and reality of mobile phones as a 21st Century technological tool and that technological skills are important to students' future life choices.

They are also effective communication tools and provide, particularly for parents, peace of mind about the safety and security of their children, especially, for example, when normal routines of arriving to and leaving school may be varied.

Gladstone State High School is committed to establishing and sustaining a safe and happy environment for students that best fosters quality learning and the social development of every child.

Every student has a right to privacy, integrity, to feel safe, and learn. Every teacher has a right to teach in a setting that is optimum to quality learning.

School phones, MP3 players and other technological devices can cause significant disruption to the learning and teaching rights of others.

This situation has led us to put in place firm rules and boundaries around the use of recording devices and phones.

PROVISIONS

Students are permitted to have mobile phones at school and at school related activities if used in the appropriate manner.

The school reserves the right to ban mobile phones (and like apparatus) at special events.

Students who would like to bring a phone to school will need a phone card. An application for a mobile phone card (available at the office) is to be completed and submitted for approval prior to bringing a mobile phone to school.

Students must have the phone switched off at all times.
Phones must be out of sight at all times

Students who wish to make a call can use the designated area in the administration courtyard.

Students must display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone.

Mobile phones are not permitted during any formal examinations. It is considered a serious misdemeanor to have a phone in the exam room.

Students who do not require a phone for parent contact are discouraged from bringing phones (and like apparatus) to school. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss or theft. Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk.

GUIDE TO APPROVED USE

Emergencies

Important calls to parents

Checking for messages in the lunch hour

GUIDE TO INAPPROPRIATE USE

Texting friends

Spreading gossip

Make/send harassing or threatening calls/texts

Inappropriate language - verbal or text

CONSEQUENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE USE

Consequences: Phones seen at school outside the designated area will be confiscated from the student by a teacher (ensuring the phone is turned off first) taken to the office and collected at the end of the school day. Students who persistently do not comply with this instruction will have their phone privileges withdrawn.

1st Incident: Phone confiscated by teacher, (phone to be turned off by student) placed in pink phone box in front office and recorded in book. Student to collect from front office at the end of the day. Phone card organised if required.

2nd Incident: Similar confiscation procedures. Admin notified of second offence. Student to collect from Deputy or Principal.

3rd Incident: Student to be suspended for deliberate disobedience/failing to follow instructions. Parent to collect phone from Admin.

Repeat offender: 1 day internal detention in RTC. Phone can only be left at office and accessed at lunch hours for essential contacts. Phone collected at office at end of each day. Phone will be kept in pink phone box in front office.

Failing to hand phone over: Reported to administration.

Using inappropriate text: Reported to administration

MP3 PLAYER POLICY (MUSIC/MEDIA PLAYERS)

Students may bring MP3 players to school to use before school and in the lunch hour. However, they must have them stored away before entering classrooms. This means MP3 players are not to be used in the classrooms and must be stored away out of sight.

Consequences:- Same as phone use. Students do not require a permission card.