



Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Mobile phones and other personal electronic devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) are restricted at Boronia Heights State School. This includes, but is not limited to, gaming devices (e.g. PlayStation Portable, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Switch) laptop computers, PDAs, cameras and/or voice recording devices (whether or not integrated with a mobile phone or MP3 player), mobile phones, iPods, Smart watches and devices of a similar nature.

Mobile phones and electronic devices, particularly those with the capacity to record images/footage are required to be handed in at the office prior to the beginning of the school day. This is for the safety of the device as well as minimizing loss/theft or inappropriate activity with the device. Boronia Heights State School takes no responsibility for mobile phone/devices that are stolen or damaged at school.

The procedure for a mobile phone/device at Boronia Heights State School is:

1. Prior to the beginning of the school day, students bring the device to the student window at the Administration building.
2. The device is signed in using the electronic marking system. Students receive a printed slip with their name and details.
3. Devices are named with slip and kept in a safe location in the Administration building for the course of the school day.
4. At the end of the school day, students bring the slip back to the student window and receive their mobile phone/device back.

Disciplinary action may be undertaken in accordance with the Boronia Heights State School's Student Code of Conduct if a student is found to have used a mobile phone/device to capture and/or distribute images and/or footage of other students or staff whilst at school. In the event the Principal becomes aware this has occurred, the owner of the mobile phone/device will be asked to delete the images and/or footage. Additionally, if the materials has been electronically shared to websites and/or social media platforms, steps will be taken to have the images and/or footage removed.

Further information and resources around cyber safety can be found at:

<https://behaviour.education.qld.gov.au/resources-publications/Documents/cyberbullying-parents-caregivers-guide.pdf#search=CYBER%20SAFETY>