



## Dalby State High School Electronic Device Policy (E.D.P.) (effective from 4 August 2014)

*(Electronic devices include mobile phones, iPods and other MP3 players, electronic video games, digital cameras and any other devices deemed to be applicable under this policy by the Principal)*

### Recognition of Appropriate Use

- Dalby State High School supports the appropriate use of technology in learning and for safety. Electronic devices have the potential to aid learning and assist students in managing busy lives, when used appropriately. The school acknowledges that there are times when it is appropriate and useful for students to have access to their mobile phones but at no times should this access interfere with the learning and welfare of students.
- No electronic devices can be accessed in exams or during assessment, unless expressly permitted by school staff.
- Electronic devices brought to school are to be turned off in class and during assemblies and other school organised activities unless being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning.
- Students are able to appropriately use their electronic devices before and after school and during designated breaks.

### Responsibility for Loss or Theft

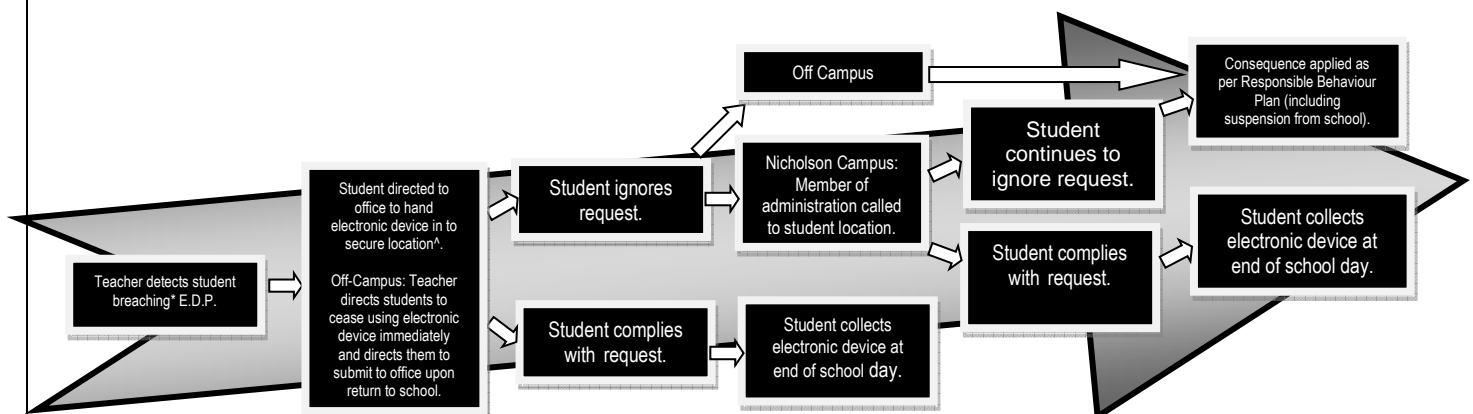
- The school will not accept any responsibility if a student loses, or has an electronic device stolen. Electronic devices brought to school will be entirely at the owner's risk and the school will not undertake any investigation into their loss / theft.
- The school does have provision for students to leave their electronic devices in the safety of the general office and we encourage the use of this option.

### Photos, Videos and Sound Recordings

- Devices with built in cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets. Students must not take photographs, videos or sound recordings of other students and / or staff without their consent.
- Students must not make / send harassing or threatening calls / messages with their electronic devices. Any repeated or other inappropriate use will be dealt with under the Responsible Behaviour Plan. Victims of abusive, threatening, bullying messaging, or inappropriate video / photo imaging will be advised to make a complaint to the Queensland Police.
- Any student who places an image / words on the internet which has a negative impact on the good standing of the school or its staff and students will be dealt with according to the Responsible Behaviour Plan where possible within the parameters of that plan.

### Consequences of Misuse

- Students choosing to not comply with the expectations outlined in this policy will be managed as follows:



**\*Students who persistently breach the E.D.P. should be referred to a member of administration for case management. This may include suspensions from school and / or removal of electronic device privilege at school. Principals are able to make rules regarding what items students can and cannot bring to school, which are likely to cause disruption or harm the smooth running of the school.**

**^Students will be issued with a receipt when they hand their device in to the office. This receipt will be used by the classroom teacher to confirm that the student has actually been to the office. Students will also use their receipt to claim their device at the end of the school day.**

This policy is made in accordance with Department of Education, Training and the Arts (DETA) policy – *SCM-PR-003: Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Equipment by Students*. This policy reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using electronic devices.