



Acceptable Use of Portable Technological Devices Framework

Rationale

It is acknowledged that students will bring technological devices to school such as **mobile phones, portable computer games, audio recorders, still and film cameras**. Students may use cameras and audio recording devices as part of their school work, after seeking permission from staff. These devices may also be used by the students for recreation in non-lesson time.

If used appropriately, these devices can add greatly to the student's sense of well-being and enjoyment of learning. If used inappropriately, the school will confiscate devices from students as a consequence of their misuse. If this were to happen, the school would follow NSW Department of Education procedures that state that the device will be locked away and returned to the student at the end of the school day.

Conditions of Use

1. Students bringing portable technological devices into school, do so at their own risk – the school accepts no responsibility for their loss or damage. The school will not devote resources to investigate if devices are lost or stolen.
2. The use of a mobile phone should not disrupt the learning environment. Do not send or receive text messages or make or receive calls during lesson time or en route to lessons.
3. A mobile phone should not be used to make threatening calls or send threatening/offensive text messages, photographs or video to another student or staff member. This is covered by NSW Department of Education policy.
4. A mobile phone **should not replace the main computer device for learning** due to the smaller screen (see recommended specifications).
5. It is an offence under the law to record another person's voice without their consent.
6. You may not photograph or film another person without their consent. At Liverpool Girls' High School, we photograph and film school events for use in class projects, the school newsletter (GLIDES) and website. Families may opt to refuse their child being photographed or filmed. Students' names are not linked to photographs on the school website.
7. It would be an offence under the law to publish to the Internet or distribute via mobile phone or other device an inappropriate/offensive audio recording, photograph or video taken without a person's consent. This would be seen as bullying and is covered by the school's Student Welfare & Discipline

Framework and NSW Department of Education policy. Legal action may also be taken by the person whose rights have been breached.

8. Students must respect the school's reputation and not publish to the Internet or distribute via other devices, inappropriate text, recordings, photographs or video.

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