

RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Preamble:

Personal electronic devices are an integral part of our lives in the modern world. It is unrealistic to believe that they can be divorced from school life. Therefore, it is important that schools recognise and encourage responsible, respectful use of personal electronic devices.

Randwick Boys' High School believes that this can be achieved through a clear Code of Conduct that outlines the expectations on students in relation to their personal electronic devices

Policy:

A personal electronic device is any device that students may use as part of their daily lives, such as a phone, iPod, MP3 player, or personal computer.

Use of personal electronic devices at Randwick Boys' High School will be governed by the ***Code of Conduct for the use of Personal Electronic Devices***.

Personal electronic devices brought to school by students are brought at the student's own risk. The school does not undertake to investigate their loss, theft or damage.

Key to this policy and the Code of Conduct is the understanding that, while students may have personal electronic devices with them, the right to use them in class rests with the teacher who may give or withdraw permission. Teachers have the responsibility to manage classes effectively and the school will support teachers enforcing the ***Code of Conduct for the use of Personal Electronic Devices***.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide students and staff with expectations in relation to the use of personal electronic devices at school.

Procedures:

1. The Code of Conduct will be given to students as part of their Year 7 orientation.
2. The Code of Conduct will be given to new enrolments as part of the enrolment package.
3. For 2012, students in Years 8-12 will also be provided with a copy.
4. The Code of Conduct is detailed below.



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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Randwick Boys' High School encourages the responsible, respectful use of personal electronic devices. It does this through the ***Code of Conduct for the use of Personal Electronic Devices***. The code applies to all students at the school.

1. Teachers have a responsibility to teach and will expect that personal electronic devices will be turned off and remain out of sight when they are not part of a lesson.
2. Students may use their personal electronic devices to make personal calls, respond to calls or to send personal messages while at sport or on an excursion, with the teacher's permission, provided that it does not interrupt the activity in which they are engaged.
3. If students use their personal electronic devices inappropriately during class, at sport or on an excursion, or without the permission of the teacher, they will be subject to the disciplinary procedures of the teacher, consistent with the school's ***Student Welfare and Discipline Policy***.
4. Under no circumstances are students permitted to have inappropriate material on any personal electronic device, at any time, at school. Students found with inappropriate material will be subject to discipline through the school's ***Student Welfare and Discipline Policy***. Police involvement may occur.
5. Under no circumstances can a personal electronic device be in the possession of a student during an examination or assessment task. Any student found with such a device will be dealt with under the school's malpractice rules, resulting in a zero award for the task.
6. The use of personal electronic devices at all times must be courteous and respectful. Out of class, when being spoken to by a staff member, students are expected to remove earphones as a courtesy to the speaker. If a staff member needs to address a student in the playground, it is expected that the student will excuse himself from what he is doing (phone call, use of laptop or other device) until the face to face communication is over.
7. Personal electronic devices must never be used to intimidate or hurt another person. No person may be recorded, or photographed, without his or her consent. Acts such as cyber bullying will be dealt with using the school's ***Student Welfare and Discipline Policy***. Police involvement may occur.
8. Personal electronic devices brought to school by the student are the student's responsibility. The school does not undertake to investigate their loss, theft or damage.