1. Purpose

Electronics are a part of modern society and the school accepts that many students will possess electronics. They are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety is concerned. However, teachers and students have a right to teach and learn in a classroom environment free from interruption by electronics. Electronics in schools present a number of challenges. These include:

- Electronics interrupting lessons and disrupting the learning of others
- Theft of electronics
- Electronics possibly being used to contact outsiders who may come into the school illegally
- Electronics disrupting examinations and assessment tasks
- Electronics being used inappropriately
- Harassment using electronics

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students in Years 7 – 12. For the purpose of this policy, the term ‘electronics’ covers devices such as mobile phones and MP3 players.

3. Policy Statement

While Narromine High School would prefer students not to have electronic devices, such as mobile phones and MP3 players, at school, we realise that students have electronics; therefore, the school has adopted the following policy:

- Students are discouraged from bringing electronics to school. The school accepts no responsibility for electronics that are brought to school and takes no responsibility to investigate their misplacement, loss or theft.
- The devices are not to be used during assemblies or class at ANY time. All electronics should be switched off and kept in pockets or bags.
- Limited use of devices is acceptable during breaks, for appropriate purposes.
- When a student is seen using a device during class or assembly, if a mobile phone rings during class or assembly, or even if a student uses a device inappropriately during breaks, then the teacher/staff member will have the electronic confiscated until the end of the day. The second time this occurs a letter shall be sent home by the Teacher or Head Teacher. The third time the student will be referred to the Deputy or Principal and parent(s) contacted. Inappropriate use can lead to suspension for persistent misbehaviour.
- The following are considered inappropriate use:
  - Sending harassing text messages
  - Prank calls
  - Contacting people outside the school to come onto the school grounds
  - Contacting parents, for example when student is sick, instead of following the school procedures
  - Using cameras to take photographs within the school grounds without permission
  - Being late to class because of a mobile phone call/message
o Having MP3 and other electronics volume loud enough to distract others.

- **Where parents are needed to be in contact with their children during the school day, the school’s telephone switch is the appropriate method.**
- Mobile phones are not to be used in place of calculators. It is expected that students will use the required type of calculator in class.
- Electronic devices will not be allowed to be taken into exams and if needed for class work (i.e. music class) should be stored at the front office when not in use.

Principal  

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