

## RESPONSIBLE USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

This includes music players, mobile phones, etc.

There is no requirement for students to have these at school. The school takes **no responsibility** for the theft or loss of these items.

Personal electronic equipment such as MP3 players and iPods or anything that plays music through earphones is not part of normal class work.

Mobile phones may be brought to school but they should be switched off and in bags during class time, ie, they are not to be visible (stored out of sight).

Use of mobile phones in class disturbs the class and interferes with learning.

Any students found using any of the above during lessons will have the item confiscated and sent to the Principal's office.

Confiscated items will be available for collection from the principal's office at the end of the school day. An after school detention will be issued for breaching the school's code of conduct.

**Mobile phones or any electronic equipment are not to be brought into any assessment or examination. They may be left in bags or surrendered to teachers.**

Students who use a mobile phone or similar during examinations will have their examination cancelled.

If parents need to contact students throughout the day, it would be appreciated if parents contact the school office on 9631 9410.

DET networks are provided to help with your learning. It is not permitted to use the DET network for downloading files of a personal nature.

**Student DET L4L laptops** are also covered by this policy.

Internet browsing - Students must not search out or download any Internet supplied material that breaches published DET acceptable usage policies.

This includes offensive material such as hate, weapons, gambling or pornography. Students are advised that your searches are recorded and action can be taken if students breach these requirements.

Students must not access and view any material rated PG, M, MA15+, R18+ or RC or any not-rated material deemed unacceptable by school staff.

Cyber-bullying over electronic networks is absolutely forbidden and will be dealt with most severely. Such behaviour might be a breach of telecommunications legislation, for which the penalties might be severe.

## **CYBER BULLYING**

New technologies present new problems! One of these is **cyber bullying**.

This is where a person is attacked, threatened, insulted or hurt using email, Internet, blogs, SMS, or similar.

Students who are victims of this sort of bullying need to discuss their situation with their parents. This sort of behaviour can be upsetting to anyone, and students in particular are urged to seek help.

If any form of bullying occurs via DET networks, the school must be contacted. You will need to talk with your year adviser, a deputy principal or a member of staff.

Cyber bullying might be a breach of telecommunications legislation and those who engage in this sort of behaviour could be in breach of this legislation.

Cyber bullying can also be a breach of DET acceptable usage requirements. Breaches of these might result in various sanctions.

Please remember that computer activity across DET networks is monitored and that records are kept.