



Murrumba State Secondary College

Mobile Electronic Devices Acceptable Use Policy

BYOD Device refers to any of the following: iPad/tablet or Laptop

Statement of intent

Murrumba State Secondary College encourages the use of BYOD devices as integral to learning programs at the College. During breaks, students are encouraged to engage in socialisation rather than immerse in screen time.

Mobile phones **are required to be switched off prior to entering** the College campus each day.

The use of mobile phones or any device utilising a SIM card is not permitted on the College campus until students are released at the end of the school day.

The following acceptable use policy refers to all electronic devices used by students within the college grounds and at college events/activities during the school day e.g. excursions. **Students may bring BYOD devices to the College at their own risk, but must only operate them in accordance with the following:**

1. Mobile phones must be turned off and stored away on entry to the campus in the morning, and not be turned on (and therefore not used for any purpose) by students until the end of the school day. Mobile phones are not permitted to be accessed or visible on campus throughout the school day.
2. Students are not permitted to hot spot from mobile phones whilst on the College campus.
3. SIM cards are not permitted in a BYOD device when on the College campus.
4. Should mobile phones be required to complete financial transactions under supervision whilst at the College where this facility is available, phones may be accessed only when in the immediate designated areas and must be stored away prior to exiting.
5. If students require urgent access to a phone they should report to the College Administration building to utilise a College land line.
6. Students must display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using their BYOD device.
7. Students are responsible for ensuring their device is adequately charged in preparation for all lesson activities.
8. Students may charge BYOD devices prior to the commencement of the school day and at break times using the facilities provided in iServices.
9. Use of devices with built-in cameras is not permitted anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.
10. Students are not permitted to use personal devices to take photographs, videos or voice recordings of teachers, ancillary staff, other students or visitors to the College.
11. Students must not make/send harassing or threatening calls/messages.
12. All BYOD devices including mobile phones are brought to the College at their owner's risk. No liability will be accepted by the College in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device.

Consequences of failure to comply with College policy:

- Any student use of a mobile phone whilst on campus prior to the end of the school day will be considered wilful non-compliance and dealt with according to the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students (RBPS).
- Victims of abusive, threatening, bullying messaging, or inappropriate video/photo imaging will be advised to make a complaint to the Queensland Police Services.
- Misuse of the College ICT network may result in loss of access privileges and further consequences in alignment with the College RBPS.
- Any student who uploads images, words or any content to social media or other internet applications which has a negative impact on the good standing of the College, our staff or students will be dealt with according to the RBPS and where relevant, the Queensland Police Services.

Footnote:

Subsection 227A–C of the Schedule to the Criminal Code 1988 (Qld) contains some limited provisions regarding the use of visual recording devices (including both still and film cameras). Section 227A prohibits the visual recording of a person without their consent in a private place or while they are engaged in a private act. Distributing such a recording to others is also prohibited under s 227B. Note that a "private place" is defined as any location with rules governing entry, e.g. a school