



PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Mobile phones, portable music devices with an earphone jack (including iPods, MP3 Players etc), cameras and other electronic devices are NOT permitted at Aviation High.

These devices are a disruption to the teaching and learning process, infringe upon the privacy of others when misused, and impact on students' ability to communicate and interact with their peers and teachers.

Such devices are generally NOT required as a learning tool (eg. phone as a calculator); however, USB devices are permitted for transporting data but not for playing music. With the increasing use of IT devices in everyday life, there may at times be opportunity when such devices will be deemed appropriate for educational use in the school environment. In such circumstances, the use and supervision of such devices will be strictly controlled and not be considered acceptable beyond the subject/classroom activity.

Students using tablets (eg. iPads) in place of writing pads need to be aware that the use of such devices beyond the subject/classroom context, but instead in a social context (for example social networking on Twitter, Facebook; accessing inappropriate web sites; taking photographs), will be deemed to be in breach of this policy and relevant consequences will subsequently apply. This applies to use both inside and outside the classroom.

If, for safety reasons, it is necessary for a student to carry a mobile phone before and after school, the phone is to be handed in at the office at the beginning of the school day. The mobile phone will be safely stored and can be collected from the office at the conclusion of the school day.

A visible mobile phone, portable music device, camera or other electronic device, will be confiscated and held at the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day in the first instance. This applies to both in the classroom and the playground, and includes all times of the school day.

Possession and/or use of such devices in the classroom unless for educational purposes approved by the teacher will attract an automatic after school detention for failure to comply with school policy and causing a disruption to the teaching and learning environment.

Possession and/or use of these items outside the classroom will see the item confiscated in the first instance. A second offence will result in an after school detention.

Repeated offences, either in the classroom or the playground, will result in suspensions of increasing duration.

A student who refuses a direction to hand over such items will be referred to Administration and consequences for disobedience and failure to comply with staff instructions will be applied. The recording or photographing of members of the school community, without permission, is considered a serious invasion of privacy and will also result in a consequence.

Parents needing to make contact with their child during the day can do so through the school office. Office staff will forward all messages to the student, where appropriate and possible.

Aviation High takes no responsibility for valuables (including all devices listed above) that are brought to school. Staff will NOT invest time in investigating the damage to, loss or theft of such objects.