



# Portable Electronic Devices [Mobile phones, MP3, tablets etc.] MORAWA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

## **BACKGROUND**

This policy communicates the school's position in relation to the use of mobile devices by students who attend Morawa District High School.

The aim of this policy is to protect our students in maintaining good order in the school. More specifically we wish to:

- address privacy concerns in change rooms, toilets and the grounds
- reduce interruption to classes
- reduce stealing, and
- eliminate inappropriate messages being sent between students via SMS.

## **REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENTS**

Morawa District High School students bringing mobile devices to school are required to have them switched off and kept in school bags for the duration of the school day. Devices can only be taken from bags and used following the final bell for the day. It should be noted that these items are brought to school at the students own risk.

In some circumstances, a teacher may have cause to ask a student to use their mobile device for the benefit of learning. In these cases, student will be asked to limit their device usage to the learning activity and return them to their bags after the task is complete. This is the only exception and students are expected to follow direction from the teacher.

## **CONSEQUENCES AND SECURITY**

Students failing to abide by this requirement will be asked to hand their device directly to the supervising staff member. Students failing to do as asked will, of course, be subject to the standard behaviour sanctions explained in our *Behaviour Management Policy* and staff members will notify a deputy or principal using yellow behaviour cards.

A register of confiscated devices will be kept for security purposes and the item will be returned to the student at the end of the School day.

## **SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS**

To support students and their families, office staff will assist students in using a school phone in the event a student does need to contact their parents and will also deliver messages phoned through by parents.