

Mobile Phone/ Portable Electronic Device Policy

Rationale

Denmark Senior High School prides itself on responding to a rapidly changing world in a manner that seeks the best outcomes for our students.

As technology has improved so have the educational advantages of embracing the technology. We acknowledge the commonality of personal portable devices and their importance to many students. We believe that it is a responsibility we share with parents to teach our children to use the technology responsibly to create a positive, safe and respectful learning environment in our school.

Policy

Students are allowed to bring personally owned mobile devices to school with the following conditions and understandings being paramount to their use and in conjunction with the Computer Usage Policy:

1. Denmark SHS accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of a student's portable device. Students remain the guardian of the device and staff will not accept care for the item.
2. The school is not responsible for the content on a mobile device this is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver. In consideration of the device being brought to school content should be age appropriate and legal.
3. The decision on whether the device is allowed to be brought to school remains the decision of the parent/caregiver. The school will not request that the devices are required to be brought to school.
4. Portable devices can be used in the classroom but only on the **explicit direction of a teacher** and only to support learning. (ie listing homework/electronic calendar, taking photographs of an experiment/model or whiteboard notes, playing music for dance or music classes etc.) There is no expectation that all students will be required to have a portable device and students without electronic devices will not be disadvantaged but will be encouraged to use an alternative methodology ie using a diary instead of an electronic calendar to record homework.
5. Students are able to use the portable device during recess and lunch and can use phones to make contact with parent/caregiver. Parents/Care Givers should only attempt to make contact directly with a student during this time.
6. If the student is found to be using the mobile device (phone/ipod/ipad etc) in an irresponsible manner that is harmful or disruptive to other members of the school community the school's Behaviour Management Policy will come into play. Students are not to text each other at school, take photographs without permission or do anything with the device that could cause harm or embarrassment to students, staff or to the reputation of the school.