



MONARO

High School

Policy | Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs)

Rationale

Monaro High School embraces emerging digital technologies and encourages its teachers and students to look for ways of using them to enhance teaching and learning.

It is a matter for each teacher to indicate to students the times, places and manners in which PEDs may or may not be used. Students should not presume the right to use a particular PED in any circumstance.

Monaro High School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school.

It is imperative that PEDs are not used in a manner that invades people's privacy or as a tool for harassment and bullying. Student's use of PED's, therefore, needs to be effectively managed.

Guidelines

These guidelines relate to any (PED) that could be used for communications or data storage and retrieval. This includes mobile phones, USB drives, MP3 players, PDAs, laptop computers, tablet computers, PS4 or other portable game consoles, DVD players, and calculators.

Students must take full responsibility for their PEDs. The school or staff will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage of students' PEDs. Students who bring PEDs to school do so at their own risk.

Students will use their PEDs in a way which reflects the core values of **Monaro High School** - **Respect, Optimism, Acceptance and Responsibility.**

Emergency Contact

- | If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent to the student.
- | If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone, they can do so through the school's main office.
- | They may not be used to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school. Such activities may incur disciplinary action, including suspension.
- | PEDs must not be used to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system, or for any illegal activity. Such activities may incur disciplinary action including suspension.
- | Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated. Students found using any camera contrary to this policy will be dealt with under the school discipline policy.
- | Any PED brought onto the school grounds by a student may be inspected by a staff member if the staff member has reasonable grounds to suspect it may have been used inappropriately.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.