

BELRIDGE SECONDARY COLLEGE



ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

‘OFF AND AWAY ALL DAY’

“The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical or teacher directed educational purposes.”

Students are encouraged not to bring electronic devices such as mobile phones, MP3s, iPods, Smart Watches etc., as the use of them is prohibited during school hours. The student has sole responsibility for the safe keeping of their electronic device if they choose to bring them (including ear buds and headphones). The School accepts no responsibility. The only exception to this is when the electronic device is held by the Administration due to confiscation.

If electronic devices are brought to school, the following conditions apply:

1. These must be turned off and kept out of sight once the student arrives on the school grounds and until the end of the school day. This includes earbuds and headphones. Smart watches must be set to aeroplane mode.
2. The use of ipads, laptops or tablets before school and break times is only permitted in the library. This will be limited to the capacity of the library.
3. It is unacceptable for the device to ring, beep or be used during classes or any other activity involving the student (unless under the direct supervision/permission of a teacher). Sanctions will apply if this occurs as follows:

During class time, before school and break times:

- **On the first occasion the device will be confiscated by the teacher and given to the Administration.** The student can claim the device from the Administration at the end of the day.
- If there is a second occurrence, the device will not be returned to the student. A parent/guardian will be invited to collect the device/s from the School Administration.