



Use of Electronic Devices and Emerging Technologies at UC High School Kaleen

The emerging technologies of electronic devices are a part of everyday life and can add value to a student's educational experience if appropriately incorporated into the learning program. However, some use is inappropriate in the school environment and can be disruptive to student learning.

The major issues relating to the use of electronic devices in the school environment include:

- Disruption to educational programs through the receipt and transmission of messages
- Privacy concerns related to the ability of many devices to take photographs or record conversations without the knowledge or consent of those being recorded
- Access and interface with inappropriate materials via the internet
- Potential for cyber bullying including the sender's view that they have anonymity
- Loss and/or theft
- Potential for breach of copyright
- Duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent persons being harmed by access to inappropriate materials, by cyber bullying, by defamation and/or threats of violence etc.

UC High School Kaleen does not take responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of a student's electronic device.

Unless otherwise directed by a staff member; any electronic device that is carried onto the school premises, and/or into school environments by a student must be switched off and kept out of sight between the hours of 8.55am and 2.55pm, except during recess and lunch.

Parents/Carers:

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to support and reinforce the school policy regarding the acceptable use of electronic devices at UC High School Kaleen and to ensure that their child is complying with the policy.

In the event that emergency phone communication between students and families is necessary, communication should take place through the front office by phoning 61420490.

DEFINITIONS

School premises: includes school buildings and also school grounds.

School environment: includes school premises, excursions, camps and other school organised functions and activities.

Electronic device: includes, but is not limited to, mobile phones, laptop computers, music and video players, still and video cameras, voice recorders, instant messaging services, personal digital assistants, handheld games and various other functions commonly found within these devices.

I support and will follow the UCHSK Use of Electronic Devices and Emerging Technologies Policy.

Parent / Carer Name _____ Parent / Carer Signature _____

Student's Name _____ Student's Signature _____

Date _____

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