



# Personal Technology Devices Policy Away for the Day!



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**BPSSC are not responsible for the loss or theft of personal technology devices on college grounds.**

On the 6 July 2023, the Minister for Education announced the introduction of a state-wide decision that personal technology devices in Queensland schools from 2024 will be “Away for the Day”.

**We care about our students’ health, safety and wellbeing:**

**The ‘Away for the day’ policy at Bellbird Park State Secondary College aims to:**

- provide optimal learning and teaching environments, free from the distractions caused by personal use of mobile devices
- support our college to create safe and supportive learning environments that prioritise student engagement and wellbeing
- encourage increased face-to-face social interactions between students, away from screens
- promote the health and wellbeing of students by providing opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during break times
- reduce the potential for students to be exposed to the negative impacts of the digital world, resulting from unsafe or inappropriate use of technology, such as cyberbullying or accessing harmful content.

### Personal Technology Devices (PTD)

### Every Student, Every Day

Personal technology devices include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile phones
- Portable music players
- Wireless headphones and earbuds
- Wearable devices including smart watches (switched to flight mode)
- Any other electronic devices that have the ability to connect to telecommunication networks or the internet.

All personal technology devices must be switched off and not seen or heard from the first bell at 8.40am until the time learning finishes at 2.50pm. This includes class time, lunch 1 and lunch 2.

### Storage of PTDs

As with all valuable items, students are strongly discouraged from bringing mobile phones and other PTDs to school due to the potential for loss, theft or damage of the item. BPSSC cannot accept responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to such items, including mobile phones. These items are brought to school at your own risk. Students can store their PTDs:

- Off and away zipped in their pocket (not visible to staff)
- Off and away in their school bag
- Off and away in their laptop bag
- Stored in laptop locker in Information Services (cost for hire \$20 a semester).

### Misuse of Personal Technology Devices

If a device is seen or heard, the student will be required to hand in the device to student services where it will be stored securely until the student is required to depart college grounds.

Consequences for misuse are issued aligned to BPSSC Student Code of Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Framework.



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First Offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students to hand their PTD to student services, for collection at the end of the school day or when the student departs the college.</li> </ul>
Second Offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students to hand their PTD to student services, parent phone call.</li> <li>Parent to collect from college administration at the end of the school day or when the student departs the college.</li> </ul>
Third Offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students to hand their PTD to student services, parent phone call.</li> <li>Parent to collect from college administration at the end of the school day or when the student departs the college.</li> <li>DP/HOY OneSchool Referral.</li> </ul>

If a student refuses to follow staff directions to hand in their personal technology device (PTD), students may be issued a consequence for defiance aligned to the BPSSC Student Code of Conduct and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Framework.

### Technology for Educational Purposes

At times, teachers of students in Year 11 and 12 may instruct, or allow students to use mobile phones or electronic devices for specific educational purposes, such as:

- recording an experiment
- recording a musical or dance performance for analysis
- taking photos of work in Construction or Engineering as evidence of progress for the qualification
- listening to a clip that explains a concept in Business, Sport and Recreation etc.

At these times students may use their Personal Technology Devices (PTD) but only when instructed to by their teacher who will place a sign up in their classroom allowing the use of devices.

Students in Year 7-10 are not permitted to use their PTDs for learning in the classroom.

### I want further information

Please see our Student Code of Conduct- [here](#)

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for Students and Parents- [here](#)

Please see our Frequently Asked Questions for Staff- [here](#)

Please visit the Department of Education Website- [here](#)