

Hauraki Primary School
Policy Document

Cell phones and Personal Digital Devices

Rationale

Hauraki school students will be responsible and productive users of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the school and in society in accordance with the values of Hauraki school, and the principles and values in the New Zealand curriculum.

Purpose

To ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction.

Definitions

A personal digital device under this policy is any privately owned digital device that is not part of Hauraki school's approved bring your own device (BYOD) programme. It may include cameras, cell phones, handheld consoles, smartwatches, and other similar devices.

Guidelines

1. Personal digital devices are not permitted at Hauraki School.
2. After school arrangements are to be made with children before arriving at school and only in an emergency should the office be contacted.
3. Hauraki school will allow a student to use or access a personal digital device only when it is:
 - needed for health reasons (for example, to monitor insulin levels); or
 - needed to help a student with a disability or learning support need (for example, to assist with impaired communication).
4. For matters related to a student's immediate health and safety, or disability or learning support, a parent or caregiver must contact the principal to request an exemption to this policy. Granting exemptions will be the exception and the subsequent use of any personal digital device will always be monitored by teaching staff.
5. If a student uses a personal digital device without an exemption during the school day, the school will confiscate it. After the student locks the device, we will place it in the office to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or guardian. The student may also be subject to further action under the Discipline policy.

Signed: _____

S. Owen

Date: _____

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Presiding Member of the Hauraki School Board Review Date: _____

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Related policies:

- Digital Technology Use and Safety
- Discipline
- Computer Security and Cybersecurity