



Personal Technology Devices Policy

On the 6 July 2023, the Minister for Education announced the introduction of a state-wide ban on personal technology devices in Queensland schools from 2024.

Chinchilla State High School is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school; laptops and network accessible tablets are the identified acceptable technology device for use at school. All other devices are considered personal technology devices, which are not necessary for learning and provide a distraction for students and teachers, and are proved to prevent learning in many situations.

Parents/guardians wishing to urgently contact their students, or vice versa, are required to do so through the school office on 4672 9333.

Students who choose to bring personal technology devices to school, do so at their own risk and are responsible for ensuring their safety and security and that they are not visible or audible. The school and school staff will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to personal technology devices.

Personal Devices

Personal technology devices include, but are not limited to:

- mobile phones
- portable music players
- wireless headphones and earbuds

Wearable devices including smart watches must be switched to "do not disturb"

Every Student, Every Day

All personal technology devices must be switched off and not visible on school grounds from before school through to the last bell at 3.00 pm.

Misuse of Personal Technology Devices

If a device is sighted or heard, the student will be required to hand in the device to administration where it will be stored securely until 3.00 pm.

First offence → Contact made home via email

Second offence → After school detention and device is to be collected by parent/carer

Third offence → Suspension

A refusal to follow staff directions and submit a phone will result in an automatic after school detention.

Exemptions

Individual students with documented medical or wellbeing needs will work with the relevant Deputy Principal or Principal to consider whether an exemption is required and to implement a plan. Other extenuating circumstances will be considered.

