



# FOREST LAKE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## Electronic Devices Policy

### Statement of Purpose

Mobile phones and other electronic devices have become integral to modern living. They provide an instant and convenient mode of communication and entertainment. In recent years the number of mobile phones and other electronic devices at schools has increased. The FLSHS Electronic Devices Policy has been developed to ensure that potential issues involving mobile phones and other personal electronic devices are effectively managed. If students bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school then they must comply with the following FLSHS Electronic Device Policy.

1. Use of devices is to be in accordance with the PRIDE expectations.
2. All communication in school hours between students and their parents/caregivers must be done through the school office.
3. Devices must be switched off and not used during the school day unless a teacher has given permission for the device to be used for learning. If a student is found using a device for any other purpose in class, or if the phone is heard, teachers are instructed to confiscate the device. During breaks, there are areas in the Library where devices can be used for learning. In the playground, if a student is seen with a device, or if it is heard, by a staff-member, the device will be confiscated.
4. Devices are only permitted to be used during supervised assessment activities when specifically allowed in the assessment conditions.
5. Students are to use the school Wi-Fi, not mobile data, for all activities.
6. In accordance with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan, devices are not to be used to harass or threaten others in any way (e.g. voice, text, images).
7. Students are only permitted to take photographs, sound and video recordings with the express permission of the teacher.
8. In the interests of privacy and safety and to protect the school's image, students may only publish images, video or audio of anyone that identifies them as a member of the Forest Lake State High School community with the express permission of the Principal.