



## Mobile Technology Policy:

The community of Pittsworth SHS considers that the values of courtesy, consideration and respect are paramount to effective learning and teaching.

The use of personal mobile phones and associated technologies in the school environment, have the potential to cause disruption to the teaching and learning process. The rapid advances in the mobile technology arena, has equipped the user with the capability to record sound and still and/or moving images. This capability provides a means whereby inappropriate use of mobile devices usage may be deemed illegal.

Pittsworth SHS considers that irresponsible or inappropriate use of personal mobile devices during school, is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school.

Students are encouraged not to bring personal mobile devices to school, however are permitted to do so, on the proviso that they are used responsibly and appropriately. Responsible and appropriate use means:

- Personal mobile devices are not to be used during scheduled classes or assemblies, to receive or transmit messages, email, social media or voice calls
- Personal mobile devices are not to be used to send any form of communication that contains obscene language, sexually explicit material and/or threats of violence. Should a student receive such a message, he/she should ensure they keep the message as evidence and bring the matter to the attention of the school office. In these cases, the matter may be referred to Queensland Police Service.
- Students are required when using personal mobile devices, at all times be respectful of others and of themselves

Failure to abide by these conditions may result in personal mobile devices being confiscated and returned at a later time, or may lead to disciplinary action as defined in the School Responsible Behaviour Plan for students. It should be noted that the school takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of any such item that students bring to school.

Parents and students should be aware of the contents of the *Invasion of Privacy Act* and the *Telecommunication Act*, which details what is considered illegal use of personal mobile technology.

