



Personal Technology Devices A guide for parents and carers

Personal Technology Devices include:

- Mobile phones
- Smartwatches (must be in flight mode)
- Handheld devices
- Wireless headphones or ear pods
- Speakers
- Audio playing devices
- Other emerging technologies which have the ability to connect to a telecommunications device, networks, or the internet.

Personal or school-owned devices, such as iPads, tablets or laptops, that are approved for educational use as part of the school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy are not considered PTDs.

At Brisbane Bayside State College PTDs must be:

OUT OF SIGHT and OUT OF HEARING

From

GATE TO GATE

Frequently asked questions

Will my student be able to take their PTDs to school?

YES. Students are permitted to bring PTDs to school to:

- support safe travel **to and from school**.
- make contact with parents, friends and part-time employers **outside of school hours and outside of the school gate**.

What if my student needs their PTD for specific reasons?

The Department of Education consulted with key stakeholder groups to develop a list of exemptions for instances where students may require access to, and use of a PTD during the school day. Parents/carers may apply on behalf of the student for an exemption to the PTD policy and the student must only use their PTD for the intended, principal approved purpose. See the exemption section of the policy for details about principal approved exemptions for

medical, disability and/or wellbeing reasons. A “green pass” will be issued to students with approved exemption conditions noted.

If you need to apply for an exemption for your student, please use the exemption request form available on the website.

What if I need to get an urgent message to my student during the day?

Phone BBSC school office on 3893 5333. Every classroom has a phone and urgent messages can be relayed by school staff. Non-urgent messages can be delivered to students at the next break.

Students are welcome to use the phone in SSR during their breaks to contact parents/carers if necessary. Parents/carers are also able to contact their students via their school email address.

Can my student use their mobile phone for learning?

NO. The Brisbane Bayside State College PTD policy is ‘**away for the day**’ from ‘**gate to gate**’ which requires students to use only devices approved as part of the school BYOD agreement which all parents/carers and students signed upon enrolment. BBSC has a range of school owned PTDs that can be used for a range of learning activities.

Can my student use their phone to purchase food and uniforms at BBSC?

YES. PTDs may be used at payment points throughout the school indicated by a green tick on the ground. PTDs may only be used while standing on the green tick and must be out of sight at all other times.

Can staff confiscate or remove a PTD?

Where the student is unable to produce an exemption card, a PTD that is ‘seen’ or ‘heard’, or is misused in class or in the playground the student will:

- be sent to SSR to:
 - hand the device in and
 - return with the lodgement receipt to show the teacher.
 - The student will collect the PTD from SSR **at the end of the school day**.
- Failing to comply with this reasonable instruction will result in disciplinary consequence under the school’s *Student Code of Conduct*.