

At King's Christian School, we believe that computing technology is an essential tool for teachers and students. Therefore, in our effort to deliver a relevant, future-focused, and engaging educational program, we are committed to providing and supporting the use of web-based computer technology. We are also committed to providing explicit instruction on how to use such technology ethically and responsibly from a Biblical perspective, including mobile devices. However, we believe that our school community is best served by limiting the use of and access to personal handheld devices throughout the school day, as they present distractions and obstacles to the kind of engaged learning and connected, Christ-centered community we desire for our student body.

We believe the entire school day is an important time for students to be fully present and engaged in the school community - during classroom learning, and with peers and staff during non-instructional times. The Electronics Use Policy for King's Christian School is currently under review and will be updated in the near future to reflect these beliefs. Until the policy is fully updated there will be some standards put in place.

Effective Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, the following standards will apply to students in all grades and include the following limitations:

1. Students may bring personal handheld devices (cell phones, game consoles, and other mobile devices such as iPods) to school for use before and/or after school, and during non-instructional breaks such as lunch or High School spares.
2. Personal devices must be turned off and stored in lockers or backpacks, out of access during instructional time. Personal handheld devices are not to be used in washrooms or change rooms at any time.

The school is actively working toward ensuring there are enough Chromebooks and laptops available at school for students to use in class for research, learning, and projects.

If a personal handheld device is visible or audible to a staff member during instructional time, or in a washroom or change room, the following consequences will occur:

1. First time: The staff member will confiscate the device and hold it until the end of the day or turn it in to the office to hold until the end of the day, at which time the student may pick it up.
2. Second time: The staff member will confiscate the device and turn it in to the office. Parents will be notified by the office of this second infraction.
3. Third time: The staff member will confiscate the device and turn it in to the office. Parents will be notified and will need to come to the school and meet with Administration before the device can be picked up.

Though not completely prohibited at this time, the use of personal handheld devices has led to a decrease in relationships and community with others. Students are encouraged to keep personal devices in their lockers or bags during breaks and try to connect and build community. Also please note, the school is not responsible for any loss or damage to any personal handheld device that a student chooses to bring to school.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of King's Christian School,

Cristie Jansen  
Board Chair