

PED/Social Media Policy

PEDs - The Rule

Devices and associated peripherals such as earphones are to be out of sight during the school day – this includes recess and lunch unless their use is **explicitly** directed by a teacher for a classroom activity.

If this permission is given devices must only be used in that lesson and for the strict educational purpose.

What if?

A teacher sees a student using a device without permission or in a manner other than that directed.

1st Offence

- The device will be confiscated, placed in a sealed envelope signed by the student and placed in the school safe.
- **The device will not be returned until a parent or caregiver has contacted the school.**
(NOTE – This contact must be after school or the following day as otherwise a student has used another phone to make their parents aware of the confiscation. The school office phone will not be made available for students to ring their parents in this situation)

2nd Offence

- The device will be confiscated, placed in a sealed envelope signed by the student and placed in the school safe.
- **The device will not be returned until a parent or caregiver collects the device from the school.**
- A Referral for repeated disobedience will be placed on Millennium
- A **minimum** of a Room 5 detention will be given depending on the circumstances of the incident

3rd Offence (or more)

- The device will be confiscated, placed in a sealed envelope signed by the student and placed in the school safe.
- **The device will not be returned until a parent or caregiver collects the device from the school.**
- A Referral for repeated disobedience will be placed on Millennium
- A significant consequence will be imposed at this stage **including the possibility of suspension depending on the circumstances of the incident.**

Any student who fails to surrender their device will be given a significant consequence including suspension for disobedience.

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Social Media - The Rule

Students are expected to use Social Media responsibly and in a legal manner.

Students must not use Social Media **at any time**, to bully, harass, intimidate, insult or belittle any member of the school or wider community.

Students must not use Social Media to bring Blayney High School into disrepute either by their actions or words.

What if?

The school becomes aware of students posting images/video of themselves or friends acting in a socially responsible manner outside of school hours (Either in or out of school uniform)

- This is not a breach of any school rule as it is clearly a positive use of Social Media

The school becomes aware a photo/video taken during school time has been posted to a Social Media site. The photo/video does NOT contain offensive, defamatory, threatening or illegal material.

- This student has breached the PED policy as a PED has clearly been used to capture any image.
- All students identified in the image will receive a minimum lunch procedural detention depending on the circumstances.
- The student posting the image/video will be required to surrender their phone for 10 school days to the Front Office and will be able to collect it each afternoon.
- The student responsible for capturing the image (if different from the student posting the image) will be required to surrender their phone for 10 school days to the Front Office and will be able to collect it each afternoon.

The school becomes aware of students posting images/video of themselves or friends behaving offensively, threateningly or illegally outside of school hours but Blayney High School is not identifiable IN ANY WAY.

- The school will contact the Police regarding the material seen but will impose no consequences. This is an out of school issue. However, should any incident occur at school by students as a result of such a post significant consequences will be imposed by the school including possible suspension depending on the circumstances.

The school becomes aware a photo/video has been posted to a Social Media site and Blayney High School has been identified through either image, written or spoken word or implication. The photo/video is deemed **by the Principal** to contain offensive, defamatory, threatening or illegal material.

- This student has breached the Law
- All students identified in the image will receive a significant consequence including a possible suspension depending on the circumstances.
- The student posting the image/video will be required to surrender their phone for 20 school days to the Front Office and will be able to collect it each afternoon.
- The student responsible for capturing the image (if different from the student posting the image) will be required to surrender their phone for 20 school days to the Front Office and will be able to collect it each afternoon.
- Police will be contacted and all material will be given to them for investigation.