



## Student Electronics Policy

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This policy only applies to Sudbury Christian Academy's elementary (JK-8) and secondary (9-12) divisions.
- 1.2. Sudbury Christian Academy (SCA) values traditional learning styles and methods, incorporating modern technology whenever appropriate (not necessarily whenever possible). In essence, the technology must serve our teaching; our teaching should not serve the technology for technology's sake.
- 1.3. We recognize that misuse of technology can have deleterious effects on the cognitive, social, and spiritual development of our students. We carefully monitor our computer lab, and teachers are required to preview all films and multimedia resources before they are introduced to the classroom.

### 2. POLICY & EXCEPTIONS

- 2.1. We realize that students might own a variety of electronic devices such as computers, tablets, smartphones, cellphones, video game consoles, and handheld video games. Under most circumstances, though, we do not allow students to bring these items to school. Exceptions shall be rare, and may include
  - 2.1.1. music lessons, whether for audio recording or sheet music reading purposes;
  - 2.1.2. field trips on which the transportation is more than one hour in a single direction;
  - 2.1.3. scheduled events (e.g. parties, activities) that list electronic devices as permissible items;
  - 2.1.4. written permission from the principal for the student to use the device at school, especially for educational purposes; or
  - 2.1.5. written permission from the principal for the student to use the device at school for personal or safety reasons.

### 3. ENFORCEMENT

- 3.1. In the event that a student brings an electronic device to school without permission of the school, the teacher will confiscate the device, and return it to the student at the end of the day. The teacher will also send a note home to the student's parent/guardian to request that the device not be brought to school in the future.
- 3.2. Repeat offences or flagrant misuse of technology (e.g. electronic bullying, possession or distribution of pornography) will result in the engagement of the school's discipline policies and procedures, including the involvement of law enforcement and/or child protection services as appropriate.