

**CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**  
**POLICY ON THE USE OF MP3 PLAYERS, IPODS, and RELATED DEVICES.**

**Preamble:**

MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices are a part of modern society and the school accepts that many students will possess them. However, their application and relevance to learning are limited. Teachers and students have a right to teach and to learn in a classroom environment free from interruption by such devices

MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices in schools present a number of challenges. These include:

- MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices interrupting lessons and disrupting the learning of others,
- Theft of MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices,
- MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices being a barrier to teacher-student communication, and
- MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices being a distraction to learning.

**Policy:**

1. We prefer that students not bring MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices to school.
2. ***The school accepts no responsibility for MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices that are brought to school and undertakes no responsibility to investigate their misplacement, loss or theft.***
3. MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices may be used during their breaks, before and after school in the school grounds. This position will be reviewed from time to time.
4. A teacher may give permission for students to use MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices in class; students must not assume that they have the right to use MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices in class. ***Our policy is that the authority to permit use of MP3 players, IPODS or similar devices rests with the teacher; students may not have such items out without the teacher's permission in class.***
5. As a result of Point 4, students must ask permission before using MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices in class.
6. Unless permission is given, MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices must be switched off and out of sight in class, stored in bags. ***They must always be switched off and out of sight during all assemblies.***
7. When students breach these guidelines, their MP3 players, IPODS and similar devices will be confiscated by the teacher and secured in the school safe. Students will be required to go to the accounts office where they will be issued with a copy of a letter (see reverse) to take home to their parents, explaining what has occurred. ***The MP3 player, IPOD or similar device will be returned when the student's parents have contacted the school either in person or by telephone and have discussed the school's policy and the student's breach of it with the relevant Deputy Principal.***