



Device Policy for Edgemean High School

In line with our commitment to enhancing learning opportunities for all learners at Edgemean High School, we recognise the value of technology in education. Learners may bring personal devices (e.g., tablets, laptops, smartphones) to school as an additional classroom resource. The use of devices is strictly regulated by this policy.

1. General Principles

Device use is at the teacher's discretion and only when explicitly permitted during a lesson. Teachers will indicate clearly at the start of each lesson if devices may be used.

Devices must be packed away at the end of each lesson and may not be used outside of class time, including between lessons, during breaks, assemblies, or on school grounds after hours, unless specifically authorised (e.g., supervised extra lessons or academic clubs).

All devices must remain free from inappropriate, offensive, or harmful content.

We acknowledge that not all learners may have personal devices and that school-provided resources will be available where possible.

2. Responsibility

Parents are responsible for the purchase, insurance, and maintenance of personal devices.

Learners are responsible for the care, safe keeping, and appropriate use of their devices at all times.

Parents are encouraged to monitor home use of devices to ensure learners do not bring unsuitable content to school.

3. Liability for Loss, Damage, or Theft

Edgemean High School shall not be held liable for any loss, damage, or theft of personal devices on school premises or during school activities.

In cases of deliberate damage by another learner, parents/guardians of the learner causing the damage will be held financially responsible for repair or replacement.

4. Charging and Battery Life

Learners are expected to ensure that devices are fully charged at home before the start of the school day.

Charging devices using the school's electricity supply is not permitted.

Learners may bring and use their own portable chargers (power banks), provided these are charged at home.



5. Wi-Fi and Digital Security

Access to the school Wi-Fi is a privilege granted solely for educational purposes.

Learners may not:

- Use VPNs, proxies, or other tools to bypass restrictions.
- Attempt to hack, disrupt, or interfere with the school's network or another person's device.
- Share Wi-Fi or account passwords with others.

Device use must respect the constitutional rights of learners, including privacy and dignity.

The school may monitor network usage solely to ensure compliance with this policy and maintain a safe digital environment.

6. Software and Apps

Learners may use the free Microsoft Office 365 package linked to their EHS email account while enrolled at the school. Installation or use of unauthorized, unsafe, or distracting applications (e.g., games, social media apps) during school hours is prohibited.

7. Content and Conduct

Learners may not distribute, display, or share inappropriate or harmful material on school property or during school-related activities.

Filming, photography, or recording of learners, staff, or visitors without explicit permission is strictly prohibited.

Devices may only be used for approved learning tasks and not for personal entertainment, social media, or messaging during school hours.

In the event of an emergency, learners are required to report to the front office to contact their parents or guardians through the appropriate channels. Personal devices may not be used for this purpose.

8. Consequences of Misuse

Devices used in breach of this policy will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent/guardian.

Repeat offences may lead to:

- Loss of device privileges for a set period.
- Disciplinary action under the school's Code of Conduct.
- Possible suspension or expulsion for severe breaches.

9. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually. Updates will be communicated to learners and parents, and compliance with the revised version will be required.



Acknowledgement of Agreement

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Edgemean High School Device Policy.

Signed: _____

SGB Chairperson: Mrs N Vorster

Signed: _____

Principal: Mr J Erasmus

3/8/2026

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Learner:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

