



# CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## BCA POLICY REGARDING STUDENT-OWNED TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES, v7

### **MANDATE: *What is our objective as a body of learning?***

At BCA, we value each student as an individual *and* as part of a community; we develop all aspects of their personhood with excellence, according to God's highest purpose for their "heart, soul, strength and mind."

### EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

Goal: to train and coach in the appropriate use of technology for the context

*As a sign of respect for the learning environment, for our teachers and for our fellow students, we require that students observe the regulations that follow concerning the above-mentioned items during the instructional day:*

- 1) Cell phones, iPods, and music and data devices are not permitted during the writing of tests and exams due to the possibility of inappropriate use of inputted data.
- 2) Cell phones and other data devices are to be out of sight and are not to be used to make or receive calls, send or read text messages, or interact with any social media or internet-based or game-based platform during any class or chapel times; at the teachers' discretion, permission to use iPods and other data devices is granted in specific circumstances based on their benefit to the learning context.
  - a. Use of cell phones and other data devices for field trips and sporting events during school hours will be at the discretion of the sponsor/coach.
  - b. The school will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of any electronic device brought to school.
  - c. Inappropriate use of data devices for purposes other than those permitted by the teachers will result in a loss of privilege to use the devices at the discretion of the administrator.
    - i. Inappropriate use of devices is further discussed in both the "BCA Commitment to Standards and Lifestyle" and the "Responsible Use Policy" (see <https://www.briercrestchristianacademy.ca/academics/policies/>). Depending on the type of inappropriate use, there may be other administrative responses in addition to those outlined below.
- 3) Violations of the policy will result in the following administrative responses:
  - a. *First violation:* The item will be confiscated until the end of the school day and will then be returned to the student by an administrator with an explanation of the implications of future violations.

- b. *Second violation:* The item will be returned only to a parent or guardian (dorm dean, host parent, etc.); the parent or guardian will then have the prerogative of determining their own response to the student.
- c. *Third violation:* The item will need to be handed in at the office at the beginning of each school day and will be returned to the student at the end of each school by an administrator; this process will remain in effect for five school days or for a period of time determined to be appropriate by the administrative team. The BCA administration will walk the student through the “Student Support Referral” process (see “BCA Student Support Response Flow Chart, Discipline”).
- d. *Fourth violation:* The item will not be allowed to be brought to school; the support of the dorm and/or the student’s parents or guardians will be engaged in this process. The BCA administration will walk the student through the “Student Support Contract” process (see “BCA Student Support Response Flow Chart, Discipline”). Students who choose not to operate successfully within the contract’s parameters may be dismissed from school.