



Tanunda Primary School & Disability Unit

Electronic Device Policy

Introduction:

Electronic devices include mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, hand held electronic games and notebooks (laptops). Whilst these devices can have many positive uses, if used inappropriately in an educational environment they can adversely affect the core business of teaching & learning, and impact negatively upon student & staff wellbeing & safety. In particular, mobile phones have some inherent social dangers.

Electronic Devices at School:

We understand that, under some circumstances, families may feel that children need to bring electronic devices, particularly phones, to school for safety reasons. Children who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk, and are responsible for the safe-keeping of the device. The school does not take responsibility for damage or theft that may occur to personal electronic devices. However, devices may be handed to front office staff on the student's arrival and collected on departure, if required. All devices will be securely stored in the office.

Use of Devices:

Children are not permitted to use their electronic devices during the school day, unless they have personalized learning plans which specify the use of personal electronic devices to support learning. In these cases the devices are to be used within the classroom, under the supervision of the teacher, to support children to achieve their individual educational goals.

Communication during school hours:

Within school hours important messages should be directed through the front office. This ensures children can be communicated with quickly and allows for assistance to be provided to the child if necessary. If there is a situation in which children need to make a phone call, this will be managed through the front office. Where children are unwell or injured families will be contacted through the front office.

Device agreements:

Tanunda Primary School & Disability Unit staff will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft of electronic devices. All families will receive a copy of an "Electronic Device Agreement" which will need to be signed and returned to the school at the beginning of each school year.

Any child using a personal electronic device during school hours, without permission from the school, will have the item confiscated. Confiscated devices can be collected from the front office at the end of the school day.

Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read and understand the above information about appropriate use of personal electronic devices at Tanunda Primary School & Disability Unit and I understand that this form will be kept on file at the school and that the details may be used (and shared with a third party, if necessary) to assist in identifying a phone should the need arise (eg if lost, or if the phone is being used inappropriately).

I give my child permission to carry a mobile phone to school and understand that my child will be responsible for ensuring that the mobile phone is used appropriately and correctly while under the school's supervision, as outlined in this document.

Student name (print) _____

Parent name (print) _____

Electronic Device Serial Number/s _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____





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