



## **Tanunda Primary School & Disability Unit**

### **Electronic Device Policy**

#### **Electronic Devices at School:**

Electronic devices include mobile phones, MP3 players, tablets, hand held electronic games and notebooks (laptops). Where possible, we advise children not to bring any electronic devices to school or to school based activities, such as camps and excursions. Whilst these devices can have many positive uses, if used inappropriately in an educational environment they can adversely affect the core business of teaching and learning as well as student and staff wellbeing. In particular mobile phones have some inherent social dangers.

We understand that, under some circumstances, families may feel that children need to bring these devices, particularly phones, to school for safety reasons. Children who bring electronic devices to school do so at their own risk. The school does not take responsibility for damage or theft that may occur to personal electronic devices.

When children bring electronic devices to school they are to be handed to front office staff on their arrival and can be collected when students leave for the day. All devices will be securely stored in the office. Children are not permitted to have electronic devices in their bags, pockets or the classroom during the school day.

Within school hours important messages can be managed 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.

Some children may have Negotiated Education Plans or Individual Learning Plans which include the use of personal electronic devices including tablets and notebooks to support their learning. In these cases the devices are used within the classroom, under the supervision of the teacher, to support children to achieve their individual learning goals.

Tanunda Primary School & Disability Unit staff will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft of electronic devices. Any child found to have an electronic device on them during school hours or any child using a device without permission from the school will have the item confiscated and placed in the front office, from where it can be collected at the end of the school day.

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