
MOBILE TELEPHONES / DIGITAL DEVICES POLICY

Context

At East Torrens Primary School technology is an integral part of the learning process. Teachers and students use computers, laptops, interactive screens, Chromebooks and i-pads to access a wide range of information on a daily basis. We are committed to supporting our students to become responsible global citizens. However some technology, for example mobile telephones and personal digital devices can sometimes be problematic. In the case of mobile telephones they can be a distraction and present safety and confidentiality concerns if they are not used appropriately. Some digital devices, when used at recess and lunch times, can impede some students by discouraging social and collaborative play.

At East Torrens Primary School

- Mobile telephones, smart watches and other digital devices brought to the school by students need to be handed to their class teacher when they enter the classroom each day. Devices will be placed in a safe bag and escorted to the Main Office for safe keeping. They will be handed back at the conclusion of each school day.
- The school will take no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage of mobile telephones and digital devices that are brought to school.
- If a teacher sees a student using a mobile telephone or digital device during school hours, or if it is left on, it will be taken from the student, sent to the front office where it can be collected at the end of the day.
- There are some activities or special events (excursions, class lessons and camps) where teachers will allow students to use their personal devices and this will be clearly communicated to both students and parents in advance.

Communication/Review

Students and families will be provided with this information at the beginning of each year by the class teacher and reminders will be provided during the year through the school newsletter. This information will also be included in the parent packs for new students (R-7) to the school and included on the school website.

Definition: A digital device is defined as physical unit of equipment that contains a computer or microcontroller including a smartphone, tablet, gaming device and smartwatch.