



MOBILE TELEPHONES / DIGITAL DEVICES POLICY

Context:

At Magill School technology is an integral part of the learning process. Teachers and students are able to use computers, laptops, electronic dictionaries, interactive whiteboards and i-pads to access a wide range of information. We are committed to supporting our students to become responsible global citizens. However some technology, for example mobile telephones and digital devices can be problematic. In the case of mobile telephones they can be a distraction and breach confidentiality if they have a photography function. Some digital devices, when used at recess and lunch times, can preclude some students and discourage collaborative play.

Therefore at Magill School:

Mobile telephones and digital devices brought to the school by students need to be turned off when they come into the school grounds and not accessed during the 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.

However 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.

Communication:

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.