



Digital Electronic Devices - User Policy

*Risdon Park Primary School acknowledges that 'Digital Electronic Devices' (which includes mobile phones, iPods, iPads, mp3 players, digital cameras and gaming devices) are firmly entrenched in today's society and, in the right circumstances, are a valuable tool for communication, convenience and entertainment.

*The use of digital devices, such as mobile phones, has also long been recognised as a safety measure outside of school hours for children and teenagers.

*Within school hours, parents/guardians are reminded that important messages (or in cases of emergency), the front office (08 8632 2226) remains the most vital and suitable point of contact that will ensure your communication reaches your child quickly and allows for any assistance to be appropriately provided.

*The decision to provide digital electronic devices to their children should be made by parents/guardians. They should always be aware if their child brings a digital device onto school premises within school hours.

*Students remain responsible for **all** of their personal effects (including digital devices) while at school.

*Digital electronic devices are brought to school entirely at the owner's risk.

*Risdon Park Primary School will not be involved in disputes and/or investigations over damage, loss or theft of such equipment.

Acceptable Use

*If digital devices are brought onto school grounds during a normal school day, they are to be switched off at all times and kept secure in a student's bag.

*For added security, electronic devices can be handed in to the class teacher upon arrival in the morning subject to negotiation with the teacher.

*Unless express permission is granted by school leadership to the contrary, digital electronic devices should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, access the internet, listen to music, take photos or any other application during school hours (8:30 am – 3:30 pm).

*This includes all camps and excursions which are organised by Risdon Park Primary School (unless express permission is granted by school leadership to the contrary).

*Digital electronic devices belonging to students should only ever display appropriate images.

Unacceptable Use

*Students with digital electronic devices may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person or post private information about another person using SMS, social media, the taking/sending/sharing of photos or objectionable images and phone calls.

*Digital electronic devices are not permitted to be taken on school camps, excursions or other functions organised by Risdon Park Primary School unless express permission is granted by school leadership.

*Students using digital electronic devices at school will face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the Principal.

*Any student who is found to have a personal digital device on them during school hours will have the item confiscated and returned to the parent/guardian upon request.

***It is the responsibility of students who bring digital electronic devices onto school premises during normal school hours to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.**