



Gabbinbar State School: Parent Information Statement

Policy: Appropriate Use of Mobile Telephones and other Electronic Equipment by Students

Guideline for Parents and Students:

Electronic devices such as mobile phones **should not** be brought to school unless there are exceptional circumstances requiring their use.

Reason:

This policy applies to mobile phones and other electronic devices such as pagers, portable CD and MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices.

In making reasonable rules about what students can and cannot bring to school, schools can ban anything which is illegal, dangerous or is likely to cause disruption or harm to the smooth running of the school and the education of other students.

The use of electronic devices by students at school can become disruptive. Their noise can disrupt and distract the owner of the device and the rest of the class. They are easily damaged or stolen and if they are stolen they can be used illegally.

Given the higher degree of supervision provided to most primary school age children, it is not expected that there will be a need for students to bring electronic devices to school and therefore, they may only be brought to school in exceptional circumstances.

Students who do not adhere to this school policy may be disciplined according to the school's **Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students**.

Exceptional Circumstances:

If a parent believes it necessary that their child brings a mobile phone to school:-

- the matter should be discussed with the class teacher
- if it is agreed that the child may need to bring a mobile phone to school, the parent should make the request in writing to the school **Deputy Principal** and this record will be kept on the child's file
- the phone should then be handed in to the office first thing each day where it will be kept until the student departs in the afternoon
- mobile telephones and other electronic equipment are used at their owners' risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the department's negligence

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