



THORNLANDS STATE SCHOOL

Growing the Whole Child

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The Use of Personal Technology Devices* at Thornlands State School

The incidents of mobile phones and cameras being brought to school is increasing. The security of these phones or cameras and their use has significant potential to cause disruption within the order of the school. This policy is a proactive endeavour to meet the needs within the school context and of families where there is genuine need for students to have a mobile phone or camera in their possession.

It is recognised that there are incidents where parents/guardians have provided a mobile phone to students for safety on their way to and from school.

Implementation for Students

- **Mobile phones** may be brought to school by students if the following requirements are adhered to:
 - written consent of the student's parent/guardian must be received by the child's teacher if a student is to be in possession of a mobile phone while at school; and the parent/guardian may write a letter but will then be provided with the attached form, which must be completed;
 - the phone is to be stored securely in the student's bag; alternatively, (if the teacher is agreeable) students may leave the phone with their class teacher;
 - the phone must not be used throughout the school day, for calls or messaging, unless the consent of the child's teacher is forthcoming; and
 - communication between home and school during the period when students are at school, must be done through the school office.
- **Digital cameras** may be brought to school if the following requirements are adhered to:
 - if their use is connected to a school activity;
 - the verbal and/or written approval of the teacher in charge of the specific activity must be gained for the camera to be brought and/or used at school; and
 - storage and security of the camera is the student's responsibility. It is recommended that the camera is handed to the teacher for safe storage.

Consequences for Students

Failure to abide by these provisions will result in confiscation of the phone or camera. It will be held at the school office for collection by the offending student's parent/guardian. Only one warning for non-compliance with the policy will be given. A second offence will result in consent for a mobile phone or camera to be on school premises, being withdrawn.

Inappropriate use by students, of any mobile phone, digital camera or any personal technology device, will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the school's Responsible Student Behaviour Policy.

** Personal Technology Devices includes, but is not limited to, tablets, games devices (such as Portable gaming devices, mobile telephones, iPods®, iPads, smart watches, digital cameras and devices of a similar nature. Appendix 14)*

Application for approval to have a mobile phone or digital camera on school premises during the school day.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Student Name _____

Class _____

I hereby request for my son / daughter to be in possession of a personal:

• mobile phone

• digital camera

while at school for the following periods of time:

• daily

• or for specific dates _____

I have provided my child with the phone / digital camera for the following uses:

The number of the mobile phone is _____

I have instructed my child on the appropriate use of the mobile phone / digital camera within the expectations of the Thornlands State School Policy. I understand that while all due care will be taken the school accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Approval - This request is approved

Class Teacher Signature _____

Date _____

Deputy Principal Signature _____

Date _____