



# Russell Island State School



This policy was endorsed by Russell Island SS P & C on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **Mobile Phone & Electronic Device Policy**

This policy covers the use of student owned mobile phones and other electronic devices including smart watches, iPads and other tablet devices with built in cameras and/or the ability to connect to the internet.

### **Background**

The frequency of mobile phone and electronic devices being brought to school is increasing. The security of these devices 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 in their possession. ***Except in out of school hours, mobile phone use is not acceptable at Russell Island State School.***

Mobile phones and devices are brought to the school at their owner's risk. In the event of the loss, theft or damage of any device, the school will accept no liability unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the department's negligence. ***Students are to hand their phones into the office each morning and collect them after school.***

### **Procedures**

- Written consent of the student's Caregiver must be received by the school office if a student is to be in possession of a mobile phone while at school.
- If mobile phones are brought to school they are the responsibility of the student.
- Students are to hand their phones into the office each day.
- Students must have their mobile phones switched off during school time.
- Communication between home and school during the period when the students are at school must be done through the school office.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate. Nor are students to photograph or film others without their consent.
- Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against any student who breaches any of these rules.

### **Consequences**

Failure to abide by these provisions will result in confiscation of the device. Only one warning for non-compliance with the policy will be given. A second offence will result in consent for a mobile phone/device to be on school premises will be withdrawn. Inappropriate use by students will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the school's **Responsible Student Behaviour Policy**.

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I give permission for my child/ren to have a mobile phone at school. I understand and accept the conditions of the policy that are stated above.

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/caregiver signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**To be handed in to Office**