



## **DROUIN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY**

This policy has been developed to provide guidelines about what can and can't be brought to school by students.

### **Guidelines**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has determined that schools can make reasonable rules about what students can and cannot bring to school. The school 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 DEECD does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

The policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps, travelling to and from school and extra-curricular activities unless otherwise stated.

### **Valuable Items**

The school does not permit children to bring valuable items such as electronic games or toys, portable music players or digital cameras to school as they can be disruptive to the smooth running of the school and the education of other students.

### **Mobile Phones**

The school does not allow the use of mobile phones, camera phones and phones with internet access by students as it is not able to effectively monitor the use of these items. Mobile phones cannot be brought to school without the written permission of the principal. There are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for students to have access to a mobile phone; for example, the need to contact parents or guardians in emergencies. Permission will generally be granted if the child requires the phone for safety reasons whilst travelling to and from school or at a bus stop.

Phones must be handed in to the office when the child arrives at school and collected from the office at the end of the day. If a child does not hand their phone in it may be confiscated and their parent would be required to collect the phone in person from the office.

Incorrect or inappropriate use of a mobile phone whilst travelling to or from school or on a bus will result in the permission being revoked.

In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.

### **Current Statement**

This policy was developed to clarify the schools responsibility towards personal property and address the changes in technology available for use by children.

### **Related Policies:**

ICT Acceptable Use Policy