

# SPRING GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ELECTRONIC DEVICES

### POLICY

#### Rationale:

- The use of mobile phones including Smart Phones, MP3 players, electronic games, cameras, netbooks /laptops and similar devices in class can be disruptive to the learning environment of some students. These devices are not permitted to be brought to school.
- School electronic devices such as computers [including netbooks], cameras, tablets, CD players, projectors, classroom televisions and interactive whiteboards are used to provide a wide range of learning opportunities for students.

#### Aims:

- To ensure that optimal learning opportunities are available for all students, free of distraction and unnecessary noise.

#### Implementation:

- The use of school electronic devices by students is in accordance with teacher instructions and user agreements.
- Students who have a mobile phone for use before or after school must have them switched off and left at the front office.
- Other electronic devices such as those listed above may not be brought to school.
- Electronic devices will be confiscated, labelled and taken to the office for collection by the student at the end of the school day if they are sighted or used at school.
- If a student refuses to hand over an electronic device to a teacher, normal procedures in line with the *SGPS Behaviour Management Plan* will be implemented.
- In special circumstances (school camps, excursions, incursions, etc.) students may be permitted to bring electronic devices to these activities. The equipment list for such activities will include these devices as permitted items.
- Neither the Victorian Department of Education (DET) nor our school have insurance to cover private goods if lost or stolen. As such we accept no liability in the event of lost, stolen or damaged electrical devices, and will not reimburse staff or students in this instance.

#### Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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