

Aspley East State School		Policy Statement	
Date	2016	Authority	Principal
Subject	Items of Value Policy		
Issue	In today's modern world students have many items of value that they may bring to school. This includes but is certainly not limited to such items as iPads, iPods, MP3 players, teddy bears, Pokémon cards.		



INTRODUCTION

This Policy provides guidelines to teachers, parents/guardians and children regarding what to do with items not normally utilised as part of the day to day business of the classroom, school or playground. Items which are normally banned in schools due to their misuse or value are managed carefully at Aspley State School. One of our aims is to help students manage the complex environment in which they live and provide processes to manage it rather than implement blanket bans prohibiting them from being brought to school.

ITEMS OF VALUE

Definition: An item of value is defined as an item not normally required for the day to day operation of the school environment. Items of value include, but are not limited to, financial and or sentimental items (e.g. teddy bears, swap cards, MP3 Players, mobile devices and other ICT equipment)

Management of Items of Value:

- In the first instance the school's position is that items of value not involved in the day to day operation of the school, classrooms or playground should **not** be brought to school.
- If they are brought to school the classroom teacher, in the first instance will provide guidance and management of such items.
- This usually includes surrendering the item into the care of the office staff or classroom teacher for safe keeping until required for use or returned at the end of the school day.
- Students who choose not to surrender an item of value to their class teacher or the office for safe keeping (e.g. leave the item in their own school bag) also take full responsibility for any consequences of this decision.
- The school will take no action to investigate or recover damaged items of value when students have not followed this policy.

Individual Specific Items:

Mobile Devices including Mobile Phones

- Personal devices not being used for educational use under the supervision of a staff member should be surrounded to the school office each day.
- Personal devices such as MP3 players, mobile phones, iPads, iPods and other electronic devices should not be outside of school bags when on school premises unless being utilised under the specific supervision of staff, this includes OSHC.
- Students needing to contact parents during school hours must do so through the school office without utilising their own device.
- Students involved in any BOYD program agree to abide by an additional policy, The Digital Citizenship Contract", which also covers the storage and usage of BOYD in class and break times.

Confiscation:

- The Principal and his/her delegate reserves the right to confiscate any item in breach of this policy under our Responsible Behaviour Plan.
- Students in the BOYD program may also be subject to restrictions or confiscation of their device in line with the Digital Citizenship Contract or Responsible Behaviour Plan.

The school accepts no liability whatsoever in relation to items of value brought to school. This is inclusive of items taken into safe possession by the school and or confiscated.