

TAMWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



Safe and Responsible Use of Digital Devices Term 2, 2020

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What is a digital device?

- A digital device is a personal device such as a smart phone, tablet, laptop, smart watch, pedometer etc.



What is happening at school with Digital Devices @ THS?



- The NSW Department of Education has banned Digital Devices, namely mobile phones, from all Primary Schools starting 2020
- There is no mandated ban across Public High Schools in NSW, but Tamworth High School recognises the impact that Digital Devices have on students engaging in their learning
- Tamworth High School is **NOT** banning Digital Devices but is putting into action an **intervention plan** to reduce distractions in the classroom and ensure that classroom time is spent on engaged learning



What will the Intervention Plan look like?



PHONE STORAGE SOLUTION



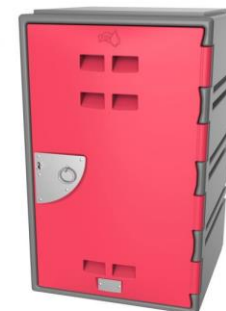
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- In each classroom a *Phone Cubby* will be attached to the wall. These *Phone Cubbies* are similar to the school lockers in B Block, near SAO.
- Each *Phone Cubby* will be locked with a padlock
- Each *Phone Cubby* is able to store 36 phones (all sizes from iPhone Pro Max size to the smallest) as well as storage space for devices such as iPads and laptops
- The *Phone Cubbies* are to be accessed by the teacher only



How will it work in the classroom?



At the beginning of the lesson the Classroom Teacher will follow the below procedure

- Teacher will unlock the *Phone Cubby* and make it accessible for students on a desk near the classroom door
- Classroom teachers are to follow classroom procedures for the beginning of a lesson (i.e. students entering the classroom, calling of roll etc)
- Whilst marking the roll and commencing the lesson the Classroom Teacher is to invite students to store their digital device in the *Phone Cubby* at the front of the room
- If a student declines to place their digital device in the *Phone Cubby* the device is not to be used or removed from the students chosen storage for the remainder of the lesson. If the student removes their digital device, even if not using it, the *Phone Cubby* will be unlocked and student directed to place the digital device inside and it will be locked again.
- At the conclusion of the lesson the Classroom Teacher will unlock the *Phone Cubby* and place the tray in an area easily accessible by students as they leave the classroom
- Students will only collect their own digital devices. Students are NOT to collect a digital device that they do not own.



Can I still use my phone outside of class?



Students are still able to use their digital devices at the following times

- Before School
- Recess
- Lunch
- After School

Please note that digital devices are NOT to be used during Prep





Not complying with the new system

- If a student fails to comply with reasonable instructions of their classroom teacher regarding Digital Devices the following will happen
 - Student to be placed on a Monitoring Card, as per the school discipline procedures
 - Head Teacher to make phone contact with the parent
 - If a student continues to fail to comply with above processes, they will be referred to the Deputy Principal who will take further action in line with the school discipline procedures





Final Thoughts

The new system is designed to support student learning, not to unnecessarily punish. Students are encouraged to place their devices into the *Phone Cubby* at the beginning of the lesson so they may better focus on their learning and any conflict does not take place.

The new system will be reviewed periodically.

