

Devices and Screen Time

Policy Statement

Devices are everywhere in children's lives and when used correctly can be a valuable educational tool. Electronic devices are used in the service to enhance the educational program. Devices are used in moderation for programmed activities, aimed to enhance children's learning and development while teaching them digital literacy.

By allowing children to participate in educational activities in a safe learning environment Kids Biz aims to assist children to learn in a fun and engaging way. Devices are used in moderation to encourage children to develop healthy habits for life.

Policy Considerations

- Holy Trinity Primary School Devices Policy
- Mother Teresa School Devices Policy
- Holy Family Primary School Devices Policy
- Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Student Acceptable Use of Digital Devices, Application and Networks Policy
- Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Student Acceptable Use Agreement
- Catholic Education Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Personal Device Agreement
- ACT Health Recommended screen time limits

Procedure

DEVICES

- Children attending after school care may bring their personal devices to after school care. Devices can only be used during designated times and for designated activities. Age limits may be set on which children can use their own device at the Service, in accordance with the policy of the school the Service is operating from.
- Children attending Kids Biz OSHC at Catholic Education School locations must adhere to the Student Acceptable Use of Digital Devices, Application and Networks Policy and the Student Acceptable Use Agreement and Personal Digital Device Agreement held by their school.
- Children bringing their personal devices to the Service do so at their own risk.
- Children are not permitted to bring personal devices to vacation care.
- Children may use the Service iPads for approved activities during designated times.
- Personal devices are not to be used for communication purposes, including messaging, texting, calling or accessing social media. Children may speak to educators about using the service phone if they need to urgently contact their parents.
- Educators should consider the educational value of activities when determining permitted activities on iPads and tablets.
- In addition to the Kids Biz OSHC Devices and Screen Time policy, children attending before and after school care must also adhere to the device policy of their school.
- Educators may check that children are participating in a permitted activity any time devices are in use.
- Children may be temporarily prevented from using devices at the Service if they are found to be engaging in an activity that is not permitted, are using their device outside of designated times, or are refusing to listen to an educator's instructions.

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- Use of devices is at the Coordinator's discretion.
- Educators are not to use their personal mobile phones during their shifts.

VIDEOS, FILMS AND GAME SYSTEMS

- TV, film, video and games will only be viewed that have a G or PG rating.
- The Kids Biz OSHC Terms & Conditions outline that G and PG rated films may be shown at the service.
- Parents/guardians are required to confirm that they had read and agree to the terms and conditions when submitting their child's enrolment form.
- Parents should be notified that G and PG rated videos may be shown.
- Educators should preview the film or video where possible.
- Children will continue to be provided with other activities during the showing of a video or movie and be properly supervised, even if the majority of the children are attending the viewing.

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