# PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

**Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the office on 5998 2304.

## PURPOSE

To explain Devon Meadows Primary School’s policy in relation to personal property and to ensure that special or valuable items of personal property are not brought to school.

## Scope

This policy applies to all school activities, including camps and excursions.

## Guidelines

Devon Meadows Primary School understands that staff and/or students may sometimes like to bring items of personal property to school.

The Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Devon Meadows Primary School does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property.

Devon Meadows Primary School encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they will be confiscated and stored securely at the School Office or teachers’ offices until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent.

**COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

* Annual reminders in our school newsletter
* Available publicly on our school’s website
* Included in staff handbook/manual
* Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
* Included in transition and enrolment packs
* Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## RELATED POLICIES and resources

* the Department’s Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):
	+ [Claims for Property Damage and Medical Expenses](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/claims-property-damage-and-medical-expenses/policy)

## EVALUATION

All policies will be reviewed every four years as part of the school’s cyclic review process.



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| Approved by | Principal  |
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