



Assistive Technology - Your child, your school, your community

Port Phillip Specialist School recognises the importance for all children to have access to an appropriate communication system. An appropriate communication system is defined as one which is:



community.

- deemed both appropriate and accessible to the child.
- available to the child in all their communicative environments.
- customised/individually programmed to meet the child's need.
- able to provide longevity over time.
- easily transported

between home, school



with the child

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Port Phillip Specialist School's Speech Pathologists Therapist will work as a member of your child's the use of assistive technology.

and Occupational team to support

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

- School Speech Pathologists will support your child's communicative needs by working collaboratively with school staff through the Integrated Services Delivery model.
- School Speech Pathologists will be involved in reviewing the device set up for school use.
- The school Occupational Therapist's involvement may be requested to support your child's access to the communication device at school.
- In the event that the device is damaged or broken, school staff will utilise existing visual support systems, such as Core Word Boards and Aided Language Displays, to enable your child to continue to communicate.
- School Speech Pathologists will provide your child's Teacher with training to program and use the device.
- School Speech Pathologists will provide in-class support.
- School Speech Pathologists will support programming of relevant school vocabulary.
- School Speech Pathologists will work in collaboration with you and your external therapist/s to support the maintenance and use of the electronic communication device at school.

- The device will be returned to you in the durable cover provided at the end of the school day.

EXPECTATIONS ON FAMILIES:



- The expectation on Families is that the device will arrive to school charged and in a durable, protective cover.
- Personal insurance is highly recommended for any electronic systems entering school premises given these are not covered by the Department of Education and Training. Port Phillip Specialist School will not accept any responsibility for damages or loss of a device.
- Backing up the device is a Family responsibility and regular back-ups are highly recommended to avoid loss of data.
- **Please be aware that school Speech Pathologists do not provide a home based service.** School Speech Pathologists are able to work as part of your child's team to support the use of the device at school.

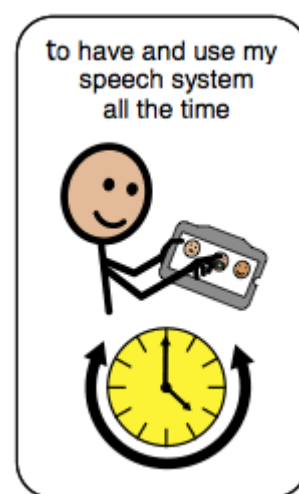
It is highly recommended that Parents source a therapist to be involved in home based recommendations concerning the set-up, support and use of assistive technology in the home environment.



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY - PARENT CHECKLIST

School staff will support your child to use their electronic communication device at school. To ensure that your child's device is school ready, please ensure the following:

- The device is charged.
- The device is in a protective cover.
- The device is transported from home to school in a durable carry case with a shoulder strap.
- The device is backed up.
- The device is covered by insurance.



Please note that in the event of damage/loss, the school is unable to cover any costs associated with device repair or replacement.

