

MOBILE PHONE & SMART WATCH GUIDELINES

RATIONALE

Mobile phones have become an important part of our modern lifestyle. The school understands that there may be times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school for some primary aged students.

Purpose

The school aims to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that mobile phone and smartwatch usage does not disrupt this learning environment. These guidelines aim to clarify the responsibilities of students and parents with

regards to the use of mobile phones and smartwatches at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

Students:

The school does not accept any liability if mobile phones or smartwatches are brought to school.

The student must leave the mobile phone in their school bag and <u>must not</u> take it out and use during school time. Smart watches must be switched to flight mode or have a parental control enabled during school hours.

Students who may feel the need to contact parents during the day must tell their teacher and go to the school office where Administration will contact the parents. Students are not to contact their parents via their mobile phone or smart watch.

If a mobile phone or smartwatch is accessed during the school day, it will be removed from the student; stored with the principal and the parents will be informed.

Parents:

If a mobile phone is required for reasons of specific safety or urgency, then parents are required to fill in the Mobile Phone/Smart Watch Request form and send the form to the Principal.

Parents needing to contact their child or child's teacher during the school day can do so via the school office (72562131). Changes to travel arrangements must be communicated through the school office. The message will be passed on to the students. Parents must not contact their child directly via mobile phone or smart watch during school hours.

There is no need for any student to have a mobile phone during the school day.

EVALUATION:

These guidelines will be reviewed in 2024

Signed (Parent).....(Student).....

Principal Anna Marsella