



Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

Policy Statement:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone and smartwatch usage is effectively managed. These devices are not to be used to disrupt the learning environment, and are to be accessed only when students are travelling to and from school.

DESCRIPTION:

St Patrick's Parish School aims to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students. The school understands that there are times when possession of a mobile phone can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school however mobile phones are not permitted to be used during school hours. Smartwatches can be worn with parental permission however only for the purpose of telling the time.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. Students are asked not to bring personal mobile phones or smartwatches to school unless parental permission has been successfully sought from the classroom teacher.
2. Mobile phones which are brought to school after this permission has been obtained must be handed in at the office each morning. They are not to be used on school grounds. The student is responsible for collecting the phone each afternoon.
3. Smartwatches are only to be used for the purpose of telling the time.
4. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones or smartwatches.
5. Students misusing mobile phones and smartwatches at school will be given one warning and on the second occasion will have the device taken and returned to the parent.



PARENTAL PERMISSION

I _____ give permission for my child _____ in Year _____ to bring their mobile phone to school. I have discussed this policy with my child and they understand that the phone is not to be used at school, and must be handed into the Office each morning and collected in the afternoon.

Signature: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Student's signature: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

Date: _____

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I _____ give permission for my child _____ in Year _____ to wear their smartwatch to school. I have discussed this policy with my child and they understand that the watch may only be used for the purpose of telling the time.

Signature: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Student's signature: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

Date: _____