



St Kevin's Catholic Primary School

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Student Mobile Phone Policy

RATIONALE

To explain St Kevin's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones and wearable technology such as, smart watches, during school hours. We recognise that an increasing number of parents/guardians wish to provide their children with **mobile phones or wearable technology with messaging, Internet and Bluetooth capabilities** for safety, security and/or emergency.

While mobile phones and/or wearable devices are permitted at school, it is discouraged unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at St Kevin's Catholic Primary School Dee Why and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones including wearable technology brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A mobile phone is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

Wearable technology is any device that can be worn that connects to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. It may take phone calls, send messages or take photos or videos that can be transmitted to others outside school. Eg. Apple Watch, V-Tech Smart Watch

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and wearable technology for the benefit of all students of St Kevin's Catholic Primary School.

To ensure that St Kevin's Primary School provides a safe environment for all members of the school community, students and staff must know their rights and responsibilities as well as expectations of behaviour.



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GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

USE OF MOBILE PHONES OR WEARABLE DEVICES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES

- Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone or wearable device onto school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes (i.e. contact parents after school to arrange pick-up times).

PERMISSION

- In order for a student to bring a mobile phone or wearable device parents/carers need to complete the permission form requesting permission for their child to have the device at school and return to the principal.

SECURE STORAGE AT SCHOOL

- Mobile phones must be turned off during school hours, and are to be handed to the class teacher before school begins and collected at the end of the day.
- Wearable device with messaging, internet or Bluetooth capabilities are to be handed in to the class teacher before school begins and collected at the end of each day.

COMMUNICATION

- While at school, students are the responsibility of school staff. Any instances that require contact with parents must be through the school office.
- Mobile phones and wearable devices with messaging, internet or Bluetooth capabilities may only be turned on and/or used out of school hours and may only be used on school grounds with teacher permission.

RESPONSIBILITY

- The school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones or wearable devices.
- Devices are not to be used by other students.

APPROPRIATE USE

- The mobile phone or wearable device is not used for inappropriate purposes. In line with our school ICLT policy (i.e. Students are not to take photos or videos on mobile phones on school premises, of students in school uniform or message friends or family members.)



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Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

St Kevin's Primary School does not allow students to take mobile phones or other devices (including iPads) to camps, excursions, special activities and events.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OOSH)
- Out-of-school-hours events

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated in June 2020 and is scheduled for review in June 2022.

The school reserves the right to amend this policy in the future.



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Mobile Phone/Wearable Technology Permission

Student Name _____ Class _____

My child needs to bring the following device to school

- Mobile Phone
- Wearable technology eg. Smart watch

For the following reason/s

- Independent travel to and from school – Walk/Bus/Bike
- Other Safety Reasons – please specify

- Other– please specify

I (parent name) _____ have read and acknowledged the school's Mobile Phone policy.

My child understands the school protocols and agrees to abide by them.

I hereby give permission for my child to have a mobile phone at school and agree that my child will follow school protocols.

Signature of Student: _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Contact Phone Number _____