



Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy



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Preamble

Mobile phones and smart watches are becoming more and more popular with young students and St Joseph's Payneham is no different. As a school we have adopted a policy on the use of mobile phones and smart watches for both in classrooms and also in the yard.

The policy takes into account matters pertaining to cyberbullying, distraction, and discipline. The policy explains the approach regarding these devices.

The definition of 'wearable technology' is any device which can be worn that connects to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. It may take phone calls and send messages that can be transmitted to others outside of the school.

The school discourages students from having mobile phones and smart watches (with the above functions) during school time for the following reasons:

- the communication devices contain a sim card;
- the devices are not 'enrolled' or managed on the school network; and
- the devices are not monitored by our C-Filter; therefore, allowing student access to restricted sites.

Our BYOD program policy specifies that iPads purchased for students should not contain any sim card, as students are encouraged to connect to the school Wi-Fi, which is monitored and contains the C-Filter for safety.

We understand that students may want to bring a mobile phone or wearable technology to school, particularly if travelling independently to and from school.

When a student does bring a mobile phone (or technology that has the same capabilities i.e., able to make/receive calls, send messages, etc.) to school, it must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day (at approximately 8:45am). The class teacher will place the technology in a secure cupboard, where it will be returned to the students at the conclusion of the school day. Technology must not be kept in school bags, or in the possession of the students.

Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy Parental Consent Form



Dear Parent/Caregivers,

In accordance with our 'Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Policy', if your child does bring a mobile phone or smart watch (which has the capabilities to make/receive calls, send messages, etc.) to school, please sign the consent form below, with an understanding that:

- your child needs to hand in their technology to their classroom teacher school first thing in the morning;
- the school bears no responsibility for the loss or damage to a mobile phone, or smart watch; and
- your child's technology should be appropriately marked so that it makes the device easy recognisable to them.

Should your child be found using their technology inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege.

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I give permission for my child (name) in year
level to bring their technology to school.

Type of device:

We have read the policy and understand all that has been stated.

Signed

Name (please use capitals)

Date