

Student Mobile and Wearable Technology Policy

It is an expectation that students and parents/caregivers read, understand, and support the Student Mobile and Wearable Technology Policy.

PURPOSE

This policy provides teachers, students, and parents/caregivers with clear expectations regarding the use of mobile and wearable technology devices during school hours, which includes other events such as excursions and camps.

This policy may be altered only by a supervising staff member or school leadership, on a case-by-case basis.

Mobile and wearable technology is any device which has the ability to:

- connect to a network, with or without a physical connection
- send or receive phone calls, messages, photos or videos.

Devices include, but are not limited to:

- mobile phones;
- tablets or iPads (which are not school devices); and
- smart watches

St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham acknowledges that parents/caregivers provide their children with mobile devices for convenience and protection when not at school. It is also acknowledged that mobile devices provide parents/caregivers reassurance should they need to contact their child outside of school hours.

SCOPE

This policy aims to:

- Enable students to focus on their learning without added distractions.
- Enable teachers to teach without distractions from unauthorised technology.
- Promote safety, wellbeing, and privacy.

DEFINITION

Acceptable Uses

- Exceptions to the Policy can be made only by a supervising staff member or school leadership.

Unacceptable Uses

- Students must not use their device/s between the hours of 8:40am – 3:00pm unless permitted by a supervising staff member or school leadership.
- Students in OSHC must not use their devices between 7:00am – 8:30am or 3:00pm – 6:00pm unless permitted by a supervising staff member or school leadership.
- Parents/caregivers wishing to contact their child during school hours must do so via the Front Office.
- Similarly, parents/caregivers wishing to contact their child during OSHC hours must do so either via the Front Office (from 8:00am – 4:00pm), or through the OSHC phone.
- Students are not to photograph, video/voice record any member of the school community. This includes sharing or uploading any type of material to social media platforms.
- Offensive or explicit material must not be forwarded. Instead, it must be reported to a parent/caregiver, teacher, or any other trusted adult.

- It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or other electronic device to bully, harass, or offend another person. In such circumstances, St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham may consider it appropriate to involve the police in dealing with such situations.

Practices

- If a student brings a mobile or wearable device to school, it must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day (at approximately 8:40-8:45am). The class teacher will place the device in a secure cupboard, where it will be returned to the student at the conclusion of the school day at 3:00pm.
- If a student brings a mobile or wearable device to OSHC, it must be handed to the OSHC staff member at the time they enter the OSHC space. The OSHC staff member will place the device in a secure cupboard, where it will be returned to the student at the conclusion of their time in OSHC (for both before and after school care).
- Technology must not be kept in school bags, or in the possession of students.

STATEMENT

Students who bring mobile phones and smart watches to school do so at their own risk and St Joseph's Catholic School Payneham accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or theft of these items. If a student is found to be in breach of the Student Mobile and Wearable Technology Policy, the device/s may be confiscated and sent to the supervising staff member, school leadership or the Front Office for collection at 3:00pm, and further follow up may occur depending on the nature of the breach.

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