



## LGPS Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Approved by School Board 28/8/19

It is recommended that students do not bring mobile phones or electronic devices (such as tablets and ipads) to school. Primary school students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day. Student property is not covered by the school's insurer for loss, damage or theft.

The school recognises that some students need a mobile phone before and after school to keep in contact with their parents/family. In this circumstance, students should leave their phone or electronic device in their school bag and switched off. The student can not access their phone during breaks or during school time.

Students wearing smart watches need to put it in 'aeroplane mode' so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during the school day.

The use of mobile phones in school during class time interferes with the good order of the school and may lead to disrupting the learning of students and invasion of privacy. Breaches of this policy include but not limited to:

- Photographing staff and students without permission
- Uploading images to web-sharing networks with information and images being accessible to anyone
- Mobile phone users being in possession of inappropriate images on their phones
- Communicating electronically with other students
- Leaving classrooms to make or receive phone calls
- Interruption to classes by ringing phones
- Cyber Bullying and intimidation
- Students phoning parents to pick them up and leaving school without signing out
- Phoning parents during investigations of behaviour incidents and undermining the school's process
- Use of phones during assessments
- Connecting their electronic device to the school's Wi-Fi network without prior permission.
- Bringing outside issues in to the school via technology

Students needing to make emergency phone calls may do so from the Front Office. Parents needing to contact students urgently can do so by phoning the office.

Any student who is unwell and needs to go home must arrange this through their teacher and the front office staff.

In some circumstances, the classroom teacher may request for their students to bring in from home their electronic device for the purpose of their classroom learning. The use of the device however, is under the direct supervision of the teacher and the device is not be used for any other purpose. Parents will be notified by the teacher if these devices are required and organise appropriate measures for the storage of student owned devices during school time.

Students with a documented Health Care plan approved by the school, may use a mobile phone to monitor their health condition.

If contravening this policy, students can expect to be dealt with under the school's Positive Behaviour Plan, including their phone or electronic device to be confiscated and their parents contacted by admin to collect the device.

Staff, parents and students should read this policy in conjunction with LGPS Student Online policy.

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