



St John's Catholic Primary School Walkerston Mobile Phone Policy

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Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the responsibilities of students, parents, and the school in the acceptable and safe use of personal mobile phones on the school grounds during the school day.

Description

Parents will make decisions that they believe will help them stay connected with their child whilst their child travels to and from school or attends extra-curricular activities outside of school time. At times, parents may allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school.

Whilst the school supports parents in this choice, the school deems mobile phones unnecessary, potentially disruptive and can be a distraction to teaching and learning during school hours.

Accessories (headphones, buds/Air pods), smart watches (which can make or receive calls, messages, or download apps), or personal iPads/tablets are not to be brought to school at any time.

Implementation Issues

1. If a mobile phone is brought to school, it is the responsibility of parents to alert the school by contacting the school Administration. Parents and students are advised that in bringing mobile phones to school, they are doing so at their own risk. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage.
2. Parents will then be provided with a copy of the school Mobile Phone Permission Form, which will be required to be completed and returned to the school.
3. Students are to turn their device off upon arrival at school. As soon as possible, they are to be handed to their classroom teacher for storage for the duration of the school day. Devices are collected at dismissal.
4. Students will not be allowed access to their device during school hours. Parents needing to communicate with their child (or vice versa) during school hours should do so by contacting the school office.
5. Accessories (headphones, buds/Air pods), smart watches (which can make or receive calls, messages, or download apps), or personal iPads/tablets are not to be brought to school at any time. These items will be confiscated if brought to school.

Reflection Material

CEDR – ICT Code of Conduct (students)