



## Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment Statement of Agreed Practice

### Rationale

St John the Apostle Primary School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. There is also ever-increasing concern about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school.

### Aims

The aim of St John the Apostle Primary School's Mobile Phone Policy is to encourage the appropriate use of mobile phones and ensure the privacy of community members.

### Agreed Practice

#### Staff

- Teachers in charge of all excursions and trips involving students must ensure they carry their mobile phone on each trip.

#### Students

- St John the Apostle School strongly discourages students from bringing personal electronic media equipment of any kind to school.
- It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile phones onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this policy.
- St John the Apostle School provides communication access for students to parents in the case of emergencies. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they need to communicate with their child during school hours.
- No responsibility is accepted by St John the Apostle School in the event of the loss, theft or damage of any device.
- Students who bring personal mobile phones to school must hand them into the front office before the school day commences and collect them from the front office after the final bell.
- It is the responsibility of students to collect their phones on their way home.
- Mobile phones are not to be taken on school excursions or overnight camps.

- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing mobile phones to school.

## **Related Policies / Agreed Practices**

Excursion Agreed Practice

### **Review**

The St John the Apostle Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment Statement of Agreed Practice is reviewed at least once each five years in line with current Registration practices. It may also be reviewed more often according to the need and educational trends.

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