



# ST KIERAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## MOBILE PHONE USAGE POLICY

### **RATIONALE**

From the commencement of the 2020 school year, the West Australian State Government has placed a ban on all student phones in the classroom.

There are an increasing number of parents/guardians who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes wish to provide their children with mobile phones. This policy details the conditions under which mobile phones are permitted at St Kieran Catholic Primary School.

Mobile phone use has the potential of presenting a number of problems at St Kieran Catholic Primary School through inappropriate use by students. **Please note that other devices such as watches with a cellular connection fall under the same policy.**

1. As a general rule, students have no legitimate reason to bring a mobile phone to school for use during school time.
2. While at school, students are the responsibility of the School and all instances that require emergency contact with parents/guardians **MUST** be through the appropriate staff member or a member of the administration.
3. Students have no reason to use a personal phone on the school premises either before, during or after
4. school hours.

### **CONDITIONS OF USE**

1. Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone onto the school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes and with the written permission of their parents.
  2. Parents/Guardians who require their child to carry a mobile phone on school premises must complete an Application for Student Use of a Mobile Phone. (see attachment 1 )
  3. Parents/Guardians agree to abide by the Conditions of Use set down in the policy.
  4. Only students who have written parent permission are allowed to bring mobile phones to school. The school may revoke this permission at any time and will advise parents of this in writing.
  5. Children without this permission will have the phone confiscated from their possession and parents will be required to collect the phone from the school.
  6. Students who have confirmed written parental permission may bring mobile phones to school and must...
    1. Hand them into office as soon as they arrive at school where they will be kept with a copy of the signed parent permission form in a clearly labelled plastic bag.
    2. Collect the phones after the bell at the end of the school day and prior to the office closing at 4 pm.
  7. The school will not accept responsibility for phones that are lost, damaged or stolen at school. If a student fails to hand in the phone, by keeping it on their person or concealing it their bag or another location, and it becomes lost, stolen or damaged, the school will not accept any responsibility for investigating the incident or recovering the phone.
  8. Any inappropriate use of a mobile phone that breaches the ICT Usage Policy will be regarded as if the child has used a school device and will have the same consequences applied.
- Contravention of this policy will result in confiscation of the mobile phone and the parent being contacted to pick it up from the Principal**



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### MOBILE PHONE USAGE - STUDENT APPLICATION

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Mobile No:** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ *I wish to apply for permission for my son/daughter to carry a mobile phone on school premises.*
- ☐ *The carrying of a mobile phone is for safety, security or emergency use.*
- ☐ *We (parents/guardians) agree to the conditions set down under 'Conditions of Use' and understand that violation of the policy may result in loss of privilege to carry a mobile phone at the school.*
- ☐ *I acknowledge that this form is required to be completed annually.*

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only**

<b>Approved</b>		<b>Not Approved</b>	
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**Reason permission not approved**

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment 1