



# St Kevin's Catholic Primary School

57 - 59 Oaks Avenue Dee Why 2099

## Student Mobile Phone Policy

### RATIONALE

To explain St Kevin's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones, wearable technology such as, smart watches and portable Bluetooth communication devices, during school hours. We recognise that an increasing number of parents/guardians wish to provide their children with **mobile phones or wearable technology with messaging, Internet and Bluetooth capabilities** for safety, security and/or emergency.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to:

1. All students at St Kevin's Catholic Primary School Dee Why and,
2. Students' personal mobile phones including wearable technology brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

### DEFINITIONS

**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

**Wearable technology** is any device that can be worn that connects to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. It may take phone calls, send messages or take photos or videos that can be transmitted to others outside school. E.g. Apple Watch, V-Tech Smart Watch.

### POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe and appropriate use of mobile phones and wearable technology for the benefit of all students of St Kevin's Catholic Primary School.

To ensure that St Kevin's Primary School provides a safe environment for all members of the school community, students and staff must know their rights and responsibilities as well as expectations of behaviour.



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## GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

### USE OF MOBILE PHONES OR WEARABLE DEVICES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES

- Students will only be permitted to bring a mobile phone or wearable device onto school premises for safety, security or emergency purposes (i.e. contact parents outside of school hours to arrange pick-up times).

### PERMISSION

- In order for a student to bring a mobile phone or wearable device parents/carers need to complete the permission form requesting permission for their child to have the device at school and return to the principal.

### SECURE STORAGE AT SCHOOL

- Mobile phones and Wearable Technology must be turned off during school hours.
- Mobile phones are to be handed to the class teacher before school begins and collected at the end of the day.
- Wearable device with messaging, internet or Bluetooth capabilities are to be handed in to the class teacher before school begins and collected at the end of each day.

### COMMUNICATION

- While at school (8.25am – 3.15pm), students are the responsibility of school staff. Any instances that require contact with parents **must** be through the school office.

### RESPONSIBILITY

- The school does not accept responsibility for any theft, loss or damage of mobile phones or wearable devices.
- Devices are not to be used by other students.

### APPROPRIATE USE

- The mobile phone or wearable device is not used for inappropriate purposes. Our overarching school ICLT policy applies. (i.e. Students are not to take photos or videos or any recordings on mobile phones or wearable technology on school premises, or during school hours, of students in school uniform. They are not to call or message friends or family members.)



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## **Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities**

St Kevin's Primary School does not allow students to take mobile phones or other devices (including iPads or wearable devices) to camps, excursions, special activities and events.

## **Exclusions**

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OOSH)
- Out-of-school-hours events

## **REVIEW PERIOD**

This policy was last updated in August 2024 and is scheduled for review in September 2025.

The school reserves the right to amend this policy in the future.



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## Mobile Phone/Wearable Technology Permission

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child needs to bring the following device to school

- Mobile Phone
- Wearable technology e.g. Smart watch

For the following reason/s

- Independent travel to and from school – Walk/Bus/Bike
- Other Safety Reasons – please specify

Other– please specify

I (parent name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read and acknowledged the school's Mobile Phone policy.

My child understands the school protocols and agrees to abide by them.

I hereby give permission for my child to have a mobile phone at school and agree that my child will follow school protocols.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_