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# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL MANLY

## MOBILE PHONE & SMART WATCH POLICY

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Mobile phones and electronic devices such as smart watches are a part of modern society and St John Vianney's Primary school accepts that some students will possess mobile phones or smart watches. Phones are a useful tool, especially where the issue of safety is concerned. However, teachers and students have the right to teach and to learn in a classroom environment free from interruption by mobile phones and other electronic devices.

While we prefer students not have mobile phones at school, St John Vianney's accepts that, in some circumstances, genuine safety and medical concerns exist which require students to bring a mobile phone onto school property; therefore, the school has adopted the following policy:

- Students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones, smart watches or other electronic devices to school, on excursions or school camps.
- Use of mobile phones by students during school hours is NOT permitted.
- Smart watches that have the ability to make or receive calls are not permitted to be worn by students at school. Students wearing smart watches of this kind will be asked to leave their watch at the front office with the office staff for collection at the end of the school day.
- Mobile phones must be turned off, clearly labelled and handed in to be kept at the front office before school and picked up at the end of the school day.
- Students are solely responsible for the security of their mobile phone, smart watch or other electronic device, and students that bring those devices to school do so at their own risk. The school does not accept any liability for any loss, or damage to mobile phones, smart watches or electronic devices.
- Where a mobile phone, smart watch or electronic device is seen or heard by a teacher during school hours, the device will be immediately confiscated and kept at the front office until the end of the school day.
- The phone, watch or electronic device will be returned at the end of the school day after the student has discussed the school's policy and the student's breach of it with a member of the school leadership team.
- Inappropriate use of mobile phones, smart watches or electronic devices will result in students being unable to bring mobile phones, smart watches or electronic devices onto school property and parents or guardians being informed of this.
- Where parents or guardians need to contact students during the school day, they should telephone the front office staff.
- Mobile phones or other electronic devices equipped with camera facilities are not to have that facility accessed at ANY time whilst on the school property.
- If there are medical or safety concerns that mean your child must bring a mobile phone, smart watch or other electronic device to school, please contact a member of the school leadership team to discuss further.