



Student Mobile Phone/Electronic Device POLICY

Rationale:

St. Martin of Tours 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 to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child quickly at an appropriate time. St Martin of Tours accepts that parents also provide children with other electronic devices for use or enjoyment. However, the use of these devices, including mobile phones, is generally unnecessary while at school. When used inappropriately, these devices can be a distraction to learning and cause harm to children.

Aim:

- To ensure that everyday school activities are not disrupted by children using mobile phones and other electronic devices.
- To ensure responsible use of electronic devices

Implementation:

For this policy an electronic device is defined as any portable equipment capable of storing or manipulating electronic data, generating or storing photos (eg camera), electronic games (eg Nintendo DS), storing or playing music (eg i-pods, MP3 players), USB memory/flash sticks.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

- It is the responsibility of students who bring mobile phones or electronic devices onto school premises to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document.
- Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school office should be the first point of contact. This will ensure your child is reached quickly and assisted as required.
- Responsibility rests entirely with the owner of the device. The school accepts no responsibility for any mobile phone or electronic device.
- Students are required to mark their mobile phone or electronic device clearly with their name.
- Students who bring a mobile phone or electronic device onto the school premises must leave it at the office as soon as they arrive at school and collect it once school has finished.
- Students who choose to keep their mobile phone or electronic device with them during the day, or who are found using their device during the day, will have their mobile phone/electronic device confiscated. The mobile phone/device can be collected from the office at the end of the day by a parent or guardian.
- Repetition of this breach will incur further disciplinary measures.

USB Memory Sticks

- At times students may use a USB memory stick for the purpose of storing their work.
- The memory stick is only to be used for classroom purposes and in accordance with the instructions by the teacher.
- Children found storing any inappropriate contents or images on their memory stick will have their memory stick confiscated and parents will be notified to discuss the issue.
- Lost memory sticks will be replaced at the cost of the parents.

Smart Watches

- Smart watches are not permitted at school.
- Exercise wristbands, such as GARMIN or FITBIT can be used but not for cellular capabilities or for storing any data.

Related Policies:

- Privacy
- Behaviour Management

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle or earlier as required

This policy was reviewed and written by Brendan Ooi in July 2020

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This policy will be reviewed in 2024