



HOLY CROSS PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

RATIONALE

Personal electronic devices such as mobile phones and smart watches are important and useful communication tools. However, they can be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

POLICY STATEMENT

To ensure that Holy Cross Primary School provides a safe environment for all members of the school community, students and staff must know their rights and responsibilities and are expected to comply with the school's Personal Electronic Devices Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to utilise the benefits of such devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

1. Students are not to bring personal electronic devices to school unless permission from the Principal has been successfully sought, by parents who have outlined the health, safety or personal reasons that justify the student being in possession of the device.
2. Mobile phones which are brought to school after this permission has been obtained must be handed in at the office each morning. The student is responsible for collecting the phone each afternoon.
3. If a student wears a smart watch it must be in 'school mode' during the official school day. It is not to be used to contact parents during school hours. It is never to be used to audio record, video or photograph students or staff. If a smartwatch is not in 'school mode' it must be handed into the office in the morning.
4. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged personal electronic devices
5. Students misusing personal electronic devices at school or causing a nuisance should be brought to the attention of the Principal.
6. In these cases the device will be retained in the office until it can be collected by a parent.
7. The Principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing devices to school.
8. The use of these devices should comply with the Holy Cross Primary School Digital Technologies and Device Agreement and the MACS e-smart, Technology Online Resources Policy 2024

This policy will be reviewed in 2025.