

# MOBILE DEVICES



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School value the use of technological devices and share the responsibility to operate within an online environment responsibly, safely and ethically. We believe that the use of Information & Communication Technology is fundamental to contemporary Learning and Teaching and vital to our mission as Catholic educators to help students become responsible digital citizens.

Due to the accessibility of mobile devices the school has developed the following policy for devices, such as, but not limited to; MP3 players, tablets, gaming consoles, mobile phones and smart watches.

Students are not permitted access to their personal portable devices such as mobile phones, tablets, iPods and gaming consoles. If such devices are brought to school, they are to be kept in the students bag and either switched off or on silent mode.

The school allows students to have mobile phones in their school bag as this provides reassurance for parents/carers and enables them to make contact with their child outside of the school day. Smart watches are permitted to be worn, however, they are not be used as a communication device during school hours and need to be on silent. Parents/carers should be aware when their child takes a device to school.

iPads and personal Chromebooks are permitted, however, students are not permitted to use these devices to contact others through phone calls or messaging.

During the school day, if a student needs to contact a parent or a parent needs to contact their child, contact will be made via OLSC administration, on 9974 8500. School staff can then ensure their child is reached quickly and assisted in an appropriate way.

Students who choose to bring their devices into school, must therefore acknowledge that the school will accept no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the device.

If a student breaches this policy, the device will be confiscated immediately, stored in the front office and can be collected after school. Parents will be contacted by the Principal, Technology Leader or Learning Centre Leader, to discuss the need to have the device brought to school in the future.