

Frederick Irwin Anglican School

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Mobile Phone Procedure

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RATIONALE

Mobile phones and wearable technology can either support or disrupt teaching and learning. Their inappropriate use can impact the wellbeing, engagement, behaviour, safety, and security of both students and staff. This procedure outlines how these devices are to be managed at Frederick Irwin Anglican School.

PRIMARY – KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

- Students are encouraged not to bring mobile phones or wearable devices to school.
- The School recognises that, in some circumstances, parents may wish their child to carry a mobile phone to improve safety when travelling to and from school.
- For students who bring mobile phones to school the following apply:
 - They are to be turned off during the school day;
 - They are not to be used during the school day (this includes the use of wearable devices);
 - The School does not permit the use of photographic, video or sound recording features of mobile phones or wearable devices at school under any circumstances;
 - The security of any device is the responsibility of the student – phones must be kept in a secure pocket or a school bag OR handed in to the Classroom Teacher or Primary Reception to be stored in a secure place during the school day.
- Mobile phones are not permitted on school camps.
- The School does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen devices and cannot investigate missing devices.
- Parents needing to contact their child during the school day must do so via Primary Reception.
- Students needing to contact parents may do so via Primary Reception.

Students who require their mobile phone for medical needs, will discuss this requirement with their Deputy Head of School or Head of Year, and accommodations will be made. Parents should contact the School to ensure any required exemptions are in place.

SECONDARY – YEARS 7 TO 12

- Students are encouraged not to bring mobile phones or wearable devices to school.
- The School acknowledges that some parents may wish their child to carry a device for safety reasons when travelling to and from school.
- For students who bring mobile phones to school the following apply:
 - Devices must be turned off on arrival at school.
 - Devices must not be used anywhere on school grounds, including before and after school.
 - Devices may only be used when explicit permission is given by a member of staff.
 - Camera, video, or audio recording functions must not be used, unless:
 - Under direct teacher supervision, and
 - For approved educational purposes.
 - Students are responsible for the security of their device. Phones must:
 - Be locked in the student's locker, or
 - Devices can be handed in to Student Administration for secure storage.
- Mobile phones are not permitted on school camps unless otherwise directed.
- The School does not accept responsibility for lost or stolen devices.
- Parents needing to contact their child during the school day must do so via Student Administration.
- Students needing to contact parents during the school day must do so via Student Administration
- Students who require their mobile phone for medical needs, will discuss this requirement with their Deputy Head of School or Head of Year, and accommodations will be made. Parents should contact the School to ensure any required exemptions are in place.

CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE OF MOBILE PHONES

- If a student uses a mobile phone or wearable device in breach of this procedure:
 - The device will be confiscated and handed to:
 - Deputy Head of Primary (Meadow Springs),
 - Deputy Head of Primary (Halls Head), or
 - Deputy Head of Secondary – Pastoral Care and Service.

- While mobile phones must be returned at the end of the school day for security reasons, consequences for using them at school may apply e.g.
 - Lunchtime or After-school detention
 - If a device is used to bully or harass others then consequences will be in line with the Bullying and Harassment Policy
 - If a device is used during an assessment, then penalties will be in line with the Assessment Policy
 - For repeated breaches of this procedure, a meeting with the student and parents will be held.

WEARABLE DEVICES – ALL STUDENTS

- Students are not permitted to have wearable devices that provide open and unrestricted access to messaging services and Social Media Apps.
- Students are permitted to wear devices that have parental controls applied. E.g. Apple's Schooltime and Google Family Link or are parent-controlled wearables such as Spacetalk, Pixbee, Gabb Watch, Bark Watch etc
- Wearables are not allowed to be worn by Secondary students during assessments.
- Students who attend school with a non-permitted wearable will be asked to take it off. If students continue to wear the device, it will be confiscated and parents notified.