



Mobile Phone/Smart Watch Policy Guidelines

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic School embraces the benefits of technology and the use of devices to support student learning and safety. We are committed to reducing students' exposure to cyber-risks when using electronic devices and educating students on responsible and ethical use of technology.

At OLPS, we **do not** encourage students to use mobile phones or smart watches at school. We do however accept that in some circumstances, these devices can be invaluable for communication with parents in times of emergency, particularly in transit to and from school.

Therefore, OLPS has adopted the following Policy Guidelines:

- Use of mobile phones/smart watches by students during school hours is NOT permitted. This includes
- If a student needs to access their mobile phone to contact a parent/guardian during school hours, teacher permission must be sought.
- Mobile phones will be handed in to the office for storage in the morning and collected at the conclusion of the school day. All mobile phones must be clearly labelled with the students name.
- Students must not access their mobile phone before exiting the school grounds.
- Smart watches that have the ability to make or receive calls/texts are not permitted to be worn by students at school. Alternatively, cellular data MUST be disabled.
- Inappropriate use of smart watches (ie. accessing data) during school hours will result in students being unable to bring these devices onto school property and parents or guardians being informed of this.
- Where a student is seen to be using a mobile phone, smart watch or electronic device during school hours, the device will be immediately confiscated for a 24 hour period and parents will be required to collect the device from the school office.
- The school does not accept any liability for any loss, or damage to mobile phones, smart watches or electronic devices.
- Mobile phone or smart watch photos/videos are NOT to be taken or used on school grounds.
- It is essential that all communication between students and parents/guardians during the school day, be made with the full knowledge of the school. **Therefore, contact with parents during school hours will be through the school administration office only.**

I have discussed the above with my child and agree to support the school in the implementation of these Policy Guidelines.

Parent Name	
Signature	
Date	