



## **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, students do not have access to mobile phones or smart watches at school. If your child requires a device for independent travel to and from school, we request that you advise the office via email and discuss these policy guidelines and school requirements with your child.

The use of mobile phones/smart watches by students during school hours is NOT permitted. OLPS has the following policy guidelines:

- 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 turn off the phone throughout the day.
- Students must not access their mobile phone before exiting the school grounds without seeking permission.
- Smart watches that have the ability to make or receive calls/texts or access the internet are not permitted to be worn by students at school. Alternatively, **cellular data MUST be disabled**.
- Where a student is seen to be using a personal mobile phone, smart watch or electronic device during school hours, the device will be immediately confiscated and parents will be required to collect the device from the school office.
- Repeated inappropriate use of smart watches (ie. accessing data) during school hours will result in students being unable to bring these devices onto school property.
- 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 parents/guardians and their child/ren during the school day, is made with the full knowledge of the school. **Therefore, contact between parents and students 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.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_