

Student Mobile Phone & Smart Device Policy

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that mobile phone and smart device usage does not disrupt the learning environment. The policy seeks to clarify the responsibilities of staff and students with regard to mobile phones and smart devices.

Sacred Heart Primary Tatura aims to provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students. The school understands that there are times when possession of a mobile phone, smart watch or other electronic device can provide a sense of safety and security while travelling to and from school. However, mobile phones and devices are unnecessary during school hours. There are also concerns about the misuse of mobile phones and devices in the school environment e.g. bullying, interruptions in class, distraction and inappropriate photography.

Aim

This policy aims to:

- provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all students.
- ensure mobile phone and smart device usage does not disrupt the learning environment
- clarify the responsibilities of staff and students with regard to mobile phones and smart devices.

Implementation

If a mobile phone is required for the reasons of safety for travelling to and from school:

- the child will be required to turn the device off deliver the phone and/or smart device to the School Office on arrival for safe keeping or put it in their school bag until the end of the school day;
- Parents and students are advised that in bringing mobile phones and smart devices to school, they are doing so at their own risk, and must comply with this policy;
- Mobile phones and smart devices are not to be taken on excursions and school camps.

If parents need to pass on important messages to their child throughout the day, this can be done by phoning the School Office and requesting that a message be given to their child.

If a student is found in possession of a mobile phone during school hours the phone will be removed and a parent/carer contacted with the request made for them to pick it up personally.

Review

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