1) **Rationale**
At St Ignatius School we strive to educate the whole child and provide a sound basis for life-long learning. We endeavour to develop in the children a sense of community and belonging. Therefore teachers and students are expected to respect property and use equipment such as mobile phones responsibly.

2) **Values**
The following values have been identified from the school’s mission statement as appropriate to this policy.
- Welcoming caring community
- Self acceptance and self respect
- Service
- Supportive and challenging environment
- Care of each individual
- Holistic Catholic Education

3) **Policy Statement**
St Ignatius School is a Christ-centred community within St Ignatius Parish, Toowong. Students from the community are enrolled on the understanding that both parents and students appreciate and support the school’s mobile phone policy in addition to the philosophy and ethos of a Catholic school.

4) **Implementation**

1) Teachers and students need to have their mobile phones turned off during school hours and at school functions.

2) Students are discouraged to bring mobile phones to school unless required in an emergency situation and are asked to give their Mobile Phones to their Teacher for storage during the day. Students are not permitted to use mobile phone for recreational purposes at school such as games and text messaging.

3) Students are required to place their mobile phones in a designated secure area allocated by their classroom teacher, upon arrival at school and may collect their mobile phone at the conclusion of the day.

4) Teachers are permitted to use mobile phones during non-contact time such as before school, morning tea and lunch and when released from teaching duties.

5) The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, damage or improper use of mobile phones.

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