

## St Ignatius School, Toowong

# PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

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### **Rationale**

At St Ignatius we strive to create a learning environment that provides an education that ignites the light of faith; leads to excellence in education, nurtures a vibrant community and fosters the development of a holistic child. Our personal device policy has been developed through the lense of promoting these four pillars.

### **Policy Statement**

This St Ignatius Personal Device Policy has been developed to keep students safe, to foster healthy relationships and to create an environment that focuses on learning.

Children are discouraged from bringing mobile phones and other personal devices to school, and their use is not permitted while at school.

As community members we have the right to an environment that promotes the mission and values of St Ignatius Catholic Primary School. In turn, we trust that our community members will support and act in accordance with this Personal Device Policy.

### **Implementation**

- 1) When necessary students and parents can communicate with each other through the school office.
- 2) Students are not permitted personal electronic devices while at school including, but not limited to:
  - a. mobile phones,
  - b. tablets,
  - c. gaming devices
  - d. devices with the capability to photograph
  - e. data enabled smart watches
- 3) Standard watches are permitted as part of our uniform policy.
- 4) Students should only bring a mobile phone to school if required for essential communication before or after school, or as a safety measure when commuting to and from school.
- 5) If students have a mobile phone, they must be turned off and handed into the school office upon arrival at school, and can be collected at the conclusion of the school day.
- 6) Staff should only use their devices for personal use during non-contact time such as before school, morning tea and lunch or when they have been released from teaching and supervision duties.
- 7) Staff are asked to keep phones turned on, and on their person, if completing playground duty for safety, emergency procedures and work place health and safety purposes.
- 8) The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, damage or improper use of personal devices.

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