



## St Joseph's School, Waroona

### Mobile phone and smart watches/ devices guidelines

#### 1. Purpose

Ensuring a safe and supportive environment, where every member of the St. Joseph's community's rights are upheld, is fundamental to our school's vision. In contemporary society, the widespread use of mobile phones and smartwatches has significantly increased connectivity. While these devices offer numerous benefits, they also pose potential disruptions to students' learning journeys due to unsolicited communication and privacy breaches, which contravene our school's Code of Conduct

Sources of Authority	
CECWA Policy	Catholic Education Commission Western Australia Community Policy – Effective 22 February 2021
Executive Directive	<i>Executive Directive – Student Safety, Wellbeing and Behaviour.</i> <i>Executive Directive – Code of Conduct.</i>

#### 2. Scope

These guidelines cover all students, of St Joseph's School, Waroona.

#### 3. Rationale:

Creating a safe and supportive environment where the rights of all members of the St Joseph's community are respected underpins the vision of our school.

#### 4. Application/Process:

The St Joseph's School Waroona bans students from using mobile devices from the time they enter school grounds to the conclusion of the school day. This includes smart watches and listening accessories, such as headphones and earbuds. As such, children bringing mobile phones and other devices to school is discouraged. If parents decide to provide a mobile phone or device to their children for use on the way to and from school, then the following conditions must be adhered to:

- All mobile devices, including phones and watches, are to be turned off and placed in the student's bag or pocket before they enter the school grounds;
- All mobile devices, including phones and watches are to be signed into the office until the students collect them at the end of the day;
- School staff will not be responsible for collecting or storing mobile phones throughout the school day;

- The school has no liability should your child's mobile phone be lost or stolen;
- If a child has their mobile device switched on or visible at school then it will be confiscated and consequences aligned to the Behaviour Policy will apply. The child's parent will be contacted and a parent will be required to come to the school and collect the mobile device.

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