



*"Great oaks from
little acorns grow"*

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Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy

Statement

At Park National School, our primary focus is on providing a safe, engaging, and distraction-free environment that supports high-quality teaching and learning. To maintain this environment, the use of mobile phones and other personal electronic devices is strictly prohibited during school hours.

Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all students and staff during school hours, including extracurricular activities conducted on school premises, school events, and off-site school-related activities unless otherwise stated.

1. Student Use of Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Students are **not permitted** to use or have in their possession any of the following devices during the school day:

- Mobile phones
- Smartwatches (including any device capable of sending/receiving messages or calls)
- Gaming devices (e.g. Nintendo Switch, handheld consoles)
- Tablets not issued by the school

Expectations:

- The school does not accept responsibility for any devices brought into school in defiance of this policy.
- Smartwatches worn as part of fitness tracking must not have notifications, messaging, and calling functions or will be treated as mobile devices.

Consequences for Breach:

- First Offense: Device will be confiscated and returned to a parent at the end of the school day.
- Repeated Offenses: Device will be held in the school office and must be collected by a parent or guardian.
- Persistent Breaches: May result in additional disciplinary action in line with the school's Code of Behaviour.

2. Staff Use of Mobile Phones

To model appropriate behaviour and ensure full attention is given to students and school responsibilities:

- Staff are **not permitted to use mobile phones** for personal purposes during class time, including texting, calls, or browsing.
- Mobile phones should be kept on silent and only used during non-contact times (e.g. break times, lunch, or outside of instructional hours).
- In emergencies, staff should step out of the classroom or teaching area to use their phone discreetly once alternative supervision is arranged.

Staff are encouraged to: