

Dear Parents,

I would like to remind all parents about our Mobile Phone Procedures here at St Pat's. I have copied these procedures below for your convenience. If students do not need to have their mobile phone at school for communicating with parents we would prefer that they leave it at home.

If you have any questions re these procedures please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Kathy Fuller
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Mobile Phone Procedures

St Patrick's Primary School Community recognises that there may be genuine needs for some students to have a mobile phone at school (for example, to arrange transport or for safety reasons after school hours). However, students are discouraged from bringing mobile phones to school.

If students need to contact their parents/guardians during the school day for emergencies or other important reasons, they can contact them from the School Office. If parents need to make contact with their child during the school day, they can ring the School Office and a message will be relayed as soon as possible.

Parents who feel that a mobile phone is needed at school on any particular day should ask their child/ren to "check-in" the mobile phone with their teacher at the start of the day.

The mobile phone needs to be: (1) switched off; and (2) labelled with your name for ease of identification purposes. The Teacher/or Office staff will keep the phone safe until the end of the day for each student to collect. The school takes no responsibility for mobile phones that students bring to the school and are not handed into the office or class teacher. If a student needs a mobile phone then a written note of explanation signed by the parent should be given to the Class Teacher or Principal for consideration.

Students are prohibited to use mobile phones during field trips, excursions or other associated school activities. Arrangements will be in place for communication with staff members in the case of an emergency.