



### **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches for Learning at Rangi Ruru**

The following guidelines concern the use of mobile phones at school and are designed to enable effective teaching and learning and communication skills.

These guidelines aim to:

- strengthen students' ability to communicate and collaborate in person
  - eliminate distractions
  - support students' self-management
  - encourage active participation during class time
  - enable students time and space from engaging with social media
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1. Phones are not to be visible from 8.30am until the end of the school day.
  2. Phones can be used during class time ONLY when directed. This use will be task driven and aligned to specific learning outcomes.
  3. Phones are to be set to flight mode, do not disturb or turned off.
  4. They are to remain in school bags or teachers may choose to store phones for the duration of the lesson if students need support with self-management.
  5. If students believe that they need to use their phone for a designated purpose that supports their learning, they must discuss this with their teacher, who will make the final decision.
  6. If phones are accessed at any time without permission:
    - they will be removed for the remainder of the lesson and delivered to the school office where they will be placed in a named plastic/paper bag for retrieval at the end of the day.
    - If this occurs three times a student will receive a school duty and parents/caregivers will be informed.
    - If lack of self-management continues to be a problem, phones will be stored in the Deputy Principal's office for the whole day. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day.

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