



# Mobile Phone Use Policy

## (Includes Wrist Watch with phone connection)

### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 The widespread ownership of mobile phones and wrist watches among young people requires that parents, student's, schools and teachers take steps to ensure that they are used responsibly at school, excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities. This policy is designed to ensure that potential issues involving mobile phones can be clearly identified and addressed, allowing the benefits that mobile phones may provide and can be enjoyed by student's for educational use only.
- 1.2 Yeshiva College - Bondi has established this policy for Mobile Phones and Wrist Watches that provides teachers, student's and parents with guidelines and instructions for the appropriate use of mobile phones and wrist watches with phone connection at school.
- 1.3 Student's and their parents or guardians should read, understand and agree to abide by this policy for Mobile Phones and Wrist Watches so student's are clear on the permitted use and possible consequences of misuse of mobile phone in school.
- 1.4 For the purpose of this policy Mobile Phones and Wrist Watches will be referred to as "Devices"

### 2 Rationale

- 2.1 Yeshiva College - Bondi accepts that parents give their children "Devices" to protect them from everyday risks involving personal safety and security. It is acknowledged that providing a student with the Device gives parents reassurance they can contact their child if they need to speak with them urgently outside of school hours.
- 2.2 Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency during the school day, the school office remains the preferred point of contact and school staff will ensure student's are contacted quickly and assisted in the appropriate way.

### 3 Responsibility

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of student's who bring the Device to school to abide by the guidelines outlined in this document.

### 4 Acceptable Uses

- 4.1 Where a student is required to make a external phone call to a parent. The student is required to go to the administration office and request to have their device.
- 4.2 Yeshiva College has the discretion to refuse the student in making a phone call where reasons are not acceptable example, non – urgent (can wait until after school), non-health and wellbeing reasons.

### 5 Unacceptable Uses

- 5.1 Primary student's are not permitted to have a mobile phone or wrist watch unless approved by Yeshiva Principal.
- 5.2 For Secondary student's mobile phone or wrist watch must not be used for non-educational purposes in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- 5.3 As with all forms of bullying or harassment, using mobile phone or wrist watch to communicate with other student's for this purpose is at odds with our school values and will not be tolerated. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or wrist watch to menace, offend another person or document illegal activities. In such cases the issue will be referred to Police or DoE legal representatives for further advice.
- 5.4 Except as permitted by teachers for educational purposes, mobile phone or wrist watch must not be used to photograph, film or record any member of the school community or a visitor to the school, while on school grounds.
- 5.5 Mobile phones or Wrist Watches may not be used during an exam or assessment. This will be considered cheating, and the student will face academic and behavioural consequences.



## 6 Consequences

6.1 Student's who do not meet the expectations in this policy will be subject to consequences consistent with the school discipline policies.

6.2 Devices used without permission during lessons, assemblies, or other school events will result in the confiscation of the mobile phone or wrist watch for the remainder of the school day. These will be stored at the Office and can be collected at the end of the school day.

6.3 Continued refusal to comply with this policy may result in suspension.

6.4 Refer to Mobile Phone and Wrist Watch Rules section of this document.

## 7 Device Protection, School Storage and Storage of Confiscated Mobile Phones or Wrist Watch.

7.1 The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged device. Confiscated devices will be stored in a padded envelope and any existing damage will be noted.

7.2 Student's are advised to mark their device clearly with their names.

7.3 Yeshiva College - Bondi strongly advises the use of passwords and pin numbers (and not to share these with others) to protect device from unauthorised use.

7.4 Storing confiscated devices - Under no circumstances are student's devices be left in unlocked desk drawers, on teachers' tables or in staffrooms. Generally, arrangements re made to return the device to the student at the conclusion of the school day. If this is not possible, it should happen as soon as practicable.

7.5 If the confiscation of the device has resulted in the matter being reported to the police, the device should not be returned until police confirm this can occur. In these circumstances, parents should be advised of the confiscation and police involvement and provided with the name of the investigating police officer if known.

## 8 Mobile Phone and Wrist Watch Rules

8.1 Parents and Student's are reminded of the following Rules whilst at school. Student's Name and Class to be placed on device.

### Student Enters Classroom

- Student Hand in device to Office once you arrive to school
- Student hands over device to Classroom Teacher

### Device found with the student without permission

- device is confiscated
- device is sent to Office and student's are required to collected at end of the week

### Student Refuses to hand over device

- Head of Girls/Boys is notified
- device is confiscated and pre-suspension warning is given to student

### Repeated device confiscations

- Where a student's device is repeatedly confiscated, the device will be confiscated for a period of 2 weeks and the student will be managed according to Yeshiva's Discipline Policy.