



*"You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky" Saint Paul - Philippians 2:15*

### **Mobile Device/Cell Phone Agreement**

To the parent/caregiver/legal guardian, please:

1. Read this page carefully, to check you understand your responsibilities under this agreement
2. Sign the appropriate section on this form
3. Return this form to your whanau class teacher

The Government has introduced Cell Phone regulations that require all state and state-integrated schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. International research indicates some key challenges with cellphones at school such as being a major distraction for students. These rules are designed to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying. Our preferred approach is "away for the day", meaning cellphones do not come to school with the student. In 2023, our school board made the decision that mobile phones, if brought to school, are stored '**away for the day**'. To contact your child during the school day please use our school office phone. Please note that our preferred approach is that students do not bring their mobile device to school.

#### **St. Paul's phone rules are:**

- We encourage mobile devices remain at home
- If families require their child to bring their mobile device to school;
  - The class teacher needs to be informed, as per the agreement
  - In this case, phones will be handed in to class teachers on arrival at school, stored in a secure place for the day and given out at the end of the day.
  - Mobile phones are **not** to be used at all on the school grounds (school grounds include the school car park and kiss and drop).
- In the event that there is a breach of these rules, the mobile device will be confiscated, in which parents/caregivers will be contacted and you will need to collect from the school office.

**Please sign the agreement on the reverse of this page and return it to your child's class teacher.**

## ***Agreement***

Please note: This agreement for your child will remain in force as long as he/she is enrolled at this school. If it becomes necessary to add/amend any information or rule, parents will be advised in writing.

I have read this mobile device use agreement and I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a positive learning culture.

We require our child to bring a mobile device / phone / smart watch to school and understand it will be handed in on arrival to school, collected at the end of each day and not used on school grounds.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/caregiver/legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_