



ST PETERS GIRLS

ELC

# Government Regulations

## Personal Electronic Devices



### Child Safety is Our Priority

St Peter's Girls' ELC is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment for every child in our care. Recent media coverage has brought attention to safety in Early Learning, and we want to reassure you: child safety has always been a foundation of everything we do.

### New Device Regulations

Effective 1 September 2025

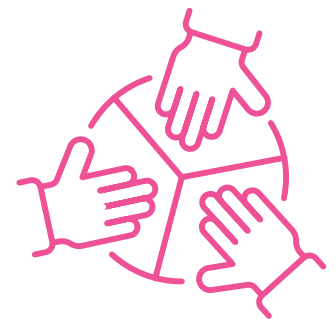


To strengthen safety across all Early Learning settings, the government is introducing new rules around the use of personal electronic devices.

Devices that can take images, record video, or store files will no longer be permitted during education and care.

This includes:

- Mobile phones
- Tablets
- Smart watches (e.g. Apple Watches)
- Digital cameras
- USB drives, SD cards
- Cloud storage accounts



### What This Means at Our Centre

For Our Educators:

- Personal phones are already stored away during the day
- Only school-approved devices are used for communication and documentation
- Smart watches with camera or storage features won't be worn while working with children, unless for medical reasons

For Families and Visitors:

- We kindly ask that phones are not used while onsite, including in outdoor areas
- If you need to take or make a call, please step outside the Centre grounds

## Our Commitment to Child Safety – Every Day

We go beyond the minimum requirements to give your child the safest and most supportive environment possible.

#### Caring, Qualified Educators

- Above-ratio staffing:
  - 1 educator per 5 children (2-year-olds)
  - 1 per 10 children (3 years+)
- Every room led by a qualified teacher

#### Promoting Wellbeing

- Our Wellbeing Leader delivers evidence-based programs
- We use the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

#### A Thoughtfully Designed Space

- Open, visible rooms support active supervision
- Child-safe toilet placement enhances comfort and safety

#### Safe & Responsible Use of Technology

- Only school devices are used for photos, videos, and communication

#### Vigilant Staff & Visitor Practices

- All educators have current Working with Children Checks
- Ongoing training in child safety and reflective practice
- All visitors sign in and are accompanied while onsite