

Dear Parents/Carers

New mobile phone policy for students

This week, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

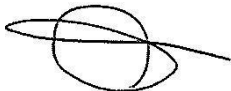
In the policy, secondary students are allowed to have their phones in their possession, but must turn them off and keep them out of sight until the end of school. Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from me to use a phone to monitor health conditions, or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose.

If your child needs to contact you, they can do so through the College's administration. Likewise, if you need to get a message to your child, you can call the College.

I will now work with staff to determine how we will implement this policy and then provide further information to you and the school community.

If you have any queries or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the College by telephone, email or at school.

Kind regards

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Vicki McKeown
PRINCIPAL

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