

Dear Parents/Carers

### **New mobile phone policy for students**

Following from the State Government announcement in October of this year, a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy will take effect from the commencement 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.

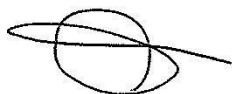
In the policy, secondary students are allowed to have their phones in their possession, but must turn them off and keep them out of sight until the end of school. Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from me to use a phone to monitor health conditions, or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose (Year 11 and 12 only).

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.

Coodanup College after consultation with staff have now implemented this new policy which will come into effect on Monday 3 February 2020. Please find attached the new policy which will need to be signed by your child and a parent/carer and returned to the College.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vicki McKeown". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop.

Vicki McKeown  
**Principal**

18 December 2019