

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

In 2019, 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, primary students are not permitted to have a mobile phone in their possession. If they bring a mobile phone to school, appropriate storage will be provided in the form of lockable cabinets controlled by the home classroom teacher.

Exceptions are allowed for students who have the Principal's approval to use a phone to monitor health conditions or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose. If a student needs to contact a parent/carer, they can do so through the school's administration. Likewise, if a parent/carer needs to get a message to their child, they can call the school.

If you have any queries or concerns, please make a time to meet with a member of the school's administration team.

Yours sincerely

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