

Monday 10th February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As a school we have recently implemented the updated Department of Education WA Student Mobile Phone policy 'Off and away all day' . The policy has been updated to:

- *reduce the potential for learning distraction*
- *protect the privacy of staff and students*
- *improve health and wellbeing*
- *reduce the chance of students bringing external issues to school through technology.*

As a result of this policy implementation, all students will now:

- Switch off their mobile phone as soon as they enter school grounds and place them in their bag.
- Only switch their phones on after they have left school grounds at the end of the school day.
- Switch all wearables (e.g. Apple Watch or equivalent) to Airplane mode as soon as they enter school grounds.
- Only switch their wearables off Airplane mode after they have left school grounds at the end of the school day.

Please remember that if you send your child with a mobile phone or a wearable device, you do so at your own risk and the school will not be responsible for these. We encourage you to not send your child with a mobile phone to school, except in exceptional circumstances.

These changes have been enacted for the safety of every student across Western Australia.

Many thanks in advance for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards,

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Principal