

## MOBILE PHONES AND RELATED DEVICES

The State Government announced the 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 also extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on airplane mode during the day.

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 the school day.**

Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from the Principal to use a phone to monitor health conditions or where an Exemption application has been made via the Student Services Manager.

*If your child needs to contact you, they can do so through the Front Office at the College.*

***If you need to get a message to your child, you can call the College.***

***Any student failing to comply with the Policy will have their phone confiscated for the remainder of the school day and will be suspended if they refuse to hand it over.***