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To Students of the Grange P-12 College

Our College will be required to implement a new mobile phone policy from Term 1, 2020.

This new policy is designed to help create a safe environment for you to learn, without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions. We also hope it will encourage you to have more face-to-face conversations and be more active in the schoolyard.

You will still be able to bring a mobile phone to school, but it will need to be turned off and securely stored away during the school day. Parents or carers can still contact you through the school office in emergencies. You will be able to contact your parents this way too, if required.

The new mobile phone policy only allows for a small number of exceptions. These will only be available where the use of a mobile phone is an essential tool for a student in managing a health condition. Decisions about whether you are eligible for an exception, will be made by the College Principal.

Like any other item, if you bring your mobile phone to school you do so at your own risk. Private property brought to school is not covered by school insurance, and it is not the responsibility of the Department of Education and Training if that property is lost, stolen or damaged.

If you have further questions about the policy and how it will be implemented, you are encouraged to speak with your Sub School Assistant Principal:

- Years 7/8 Mr Chircop
- Year 9 Mr Logan
- Years 10/11/12 Mrs Hickson
- Sports Science Academy Ms Clarke
- VCAL Mr Hollier

Yours sincerely,

David Smillie College Principal