



Building Inspiring Caring

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To: Parents/Guardians
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Pastoral Update

Starting into 2019 it is important that we focus on our core purpose of teaching and learning and all of the aspects of school life that contribute to that. The link between the pastoral and academic aspects of school life is extremely important in ensuring success. There is a very fine line between achieving a good grade in examinations and being disappointed in results. It is therefore extremely important that all students remain focussed in all aspects of school life. Some areas which we continue to focus on include:

Mobile phones:

Mobile phones should be turned off in school to remove the temptation of texting and using social media during the school day as indicated in our policy which is summarised in student planners. Students should only make contact with home by requesting a phone call to be made from the school office.

Toilets:

Students should make use of the toilets before school and during lunch and break. If there is a medical note provided or in the case of necessity students will be allowed to use the toilets as required. Frequent use of the toilets can cause disruption to classes and students can miss important class time if this is repeated several times in a school day.

Uniform:

Following our focus on uniform there has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of uniform and we appreciate parental support in achieving this. We will continue to follow our College policy on this.

Attendance:

Whole School attendance has also improved to date and we will continue to implement the strategies and support used this year to encourage all students to attend school as much as possible. Good attendance is crucial in securing the best results possible.

Smoking:

Following a review of our smoking policy and the introduction of a support workshop for any students who are smokers there has been a huge decrease in smoking incidents in the college. A number of students have taken up the challenge to stop smoking and are being supported by an organised Cancer Focus programme to achieve this.

Please discuss these issues with your child and thank you for supporting us in creating a positive environment to allow all of our students to reach their full potential.

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