

Dear parents and caregivers,

As you may already be aware from previous correspondence, we have introduced a new teacher-supervised Tech Zone (for stages 2 and 3) at lunchtime. This also ensures we are working within recent changes by the NSW Department of Education in regards to digital device usage in schools.

At the moment, it is limited to school-owned devices but we would like to open it up for BYOD as well.

By participating in the Tech Zone, students will be agreeing to a set of [expectations](#) that will be posted in that space. One of these expectations is that students who bring their own device to the Tech Zone will have completed and obtained a Digital Licence from the eSmart website (<https://www.digitalllicence.com.au/>)

We advise that this be completed at home, with parents. By obtaining this licence, students will gain valuable knowledge in how to navigate digital technology and the online world, and how to do this safely. In addition, by doing this at home, parents will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with what their children are doing online, the types of interactions they may be engaging in, privacy settings and reporting mechanisms.

There are three versions of the licence program. The one students will need to complete to bring their own device to the Tech Zone is the Primary version. The cost to complete this course is \$10.

If you would like more information on the NSW Department of Education's policy update, you can find that information at - <https://my.education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/back-to-school/whats-happening-with-mobile-phones-in-schools-in-2020>

If you would like more information on eSmart's digital licence program, you can find that at - <https://www.digitalllicence.com.au/about-digital-licence/>

Kind regards,

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