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Dear Parents,

Re: Revision of the Cell Phone Policy at Presentation College Chaguanas

After careful consideration of the realities surrounding the increasing difficulty of locating camera-less phones on the market, and the increasing network connectivity issues of camera-less phones, the administration of our college has finally decided to allow our students to be in possession of camera/smart phones under the following strict conditions:

- 1: Cell phones must be **turned off** on entry to the school compound and during school hours.
- 2: Cell phones must **not be visible** in hand or on person on entry to the school compound and during school hours.
- 3: We strongly discourage possession of expensive high-end cell phones that may encourage theft on or off the school compound.
- 4: Please furnish your sons with rugged phones that can withstand the usual bashing about that is customary with the personal effects of adolescent boys.
- 5: In addition to (1) and (2) above, any evidence of the following cell phone abuse will result in the immediate confiscation of the cell phone and disciplinary action which may culminate in suspension from school and the reporting of some of the more serious infractions described below under the laws of Trinidad & Tobago to the police:

- a) inappropriate and obscene messages circulated via social media among students during the school day
- b) audio or video recording of anyone or anything without permission
- c) possession of digital pornography
- d) texting and exchanging of frivolous memes and photos during school hours
- e) invasion of privacy in the school toilets and changing rooms
- f) recording of real and simulated random acts of cruelty and bullying on our compound to be recklessly posted on social media
- g) glorification of alcohol and illegal substance use
- h) photographing of textbooks and notes using camera phones subsequently used to cheat in exams.

With your continued support and assistance, we remain cautiously confident that our students can use this new privilege with the expected responsibility, so as not to create undue disciplinary scenarios given the chronic distractions and dangers posed by the abuse of camera phone technology.

Yours in education,

Principal

(Feel free communicate any comments on this policy to the Principal via e-mail at preschagtt@gmail.com)