

25 October 2019



SAN YU ADVENTIST SCHOOL  
三育中小学

## Letter IV from Discipline Committee

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have almost come to the end of Term 4 and I hope that all students have done their best during the year-end examination and will get promoted to the next higher grade level in 2020. However, there are a few updates in our school rules and regulations that I need to highlight to you so that when your child/ward comes back to SYAS next year, he/she will be mentally and physically prepared to start afresh.

### 1. No Usage of Mobile Phones during School Hours

After considering the advantages and disadvantages of allowing our school students to use mobile phones during recess and upper secondary school students to use mobile phones during their free periods, the school has decided to ban the usage of mobile phones during school hours in 2020. We want to teach our students to limit the amount of time they spend online and focus more in school and related social activities. Evidence-based research on best practices demonstrate that students' academic performance improves and they become socially adapt, alert and active in the school environment without mobile phones.

Starting from Thursday, 2 January 2020, during Contact Time, form teachers will collect mobile phones from all students and lock them up in a designated place. During the last period of individual classes, the subject teachers will return the mobile phones to class students. If there is an emergency, parents/guardians can call the Admissions Office and students concerned will be notified. If students need to call parents/guardians, they can also ask for permission to use the phones in the Staff Room or Admissions Office.

### 2. Rules Pertaining to Students' Grooming

- All students are not allowed to put on ear studs/rings, necklaces, bracelets and rings. If students are found to be wearing any of the items mentioned, the item will be confiscated and returned to them at the end of the school year. However, female students can put on transparent ear sticks in school. If there are students who need to put on any religious items, please seek permission from the form teachers or Discipline Committee members.
- All students are not allowed to have fanciful hairstyles that are not acceptable by SYAS. Those who do not comply are expected to go to a hair salon for immediate ratification within the same day.
- Male students are not allowed to have their hair permed and they will be required to straighten their hair if they have already done so. Male students with natural curly hair need to submit supportive evidences, e.g. photographs to the form teachers.
- Male students are not allowed to have their ears pierced. Thus, those who have already done so will not be allowed to put on transparent ear sticks in school.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

***Esther Ng***

Discipline Mistress



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## Acknowledgement Slip

Please complete this portion and hand it to your child/ward's Form Teacher.

Attention: Form Teacher

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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I acknowledge the contents of the Discipline Mistress' letter dated 25 October 2019.

\*Father/ Mother/ Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete where it is not applicable