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Wait Mate Parent Session

Dear parents and carers,

As a school community, we are always looking for ways to support families through the questions that come with raising children today. One of the most common questions we hear concerns smartphones: when is the right time, and how do we make that decision well?

I am pleased to let you know that Dernancourt School is hosting a free **Wait Mate parent session** on Monday 9 November, 6.00pm to 7.00pm, at Dernancourt School. Wait Mate is a movement built on a straightforward idea: waiting as long as possible before giving a child their own smartphone, and doing so alongside other families, so that no parent has to make that choice alone.

The session offers clear, balanced information without judgement or scare tactics, along with the chance to hear from other parents and carers weighing up the same questions. The session will also cover information for families who have already given their child a smartphone, and so I encourage all families to book. Wait Mate is funded by the South Australian Government, and there is no cost to attend.

All R-6 parents, grandparents or carers are welcome, including those from nearby schools, so please feel free to pass this invitation on.

To book, visit **sa.waitmate.org.au** Wait Mate – South Australia and search **Dernancourt School.** You will see the details for our upcoming parent session and be able to book your seats. Capacity is limited so I encourage you to book soon.

Can't make our session? There are other sessions happening across the week in our local area, and Dernancourt School parents are warmly invited to attend whichever session suits you best.

I recommend you come along to a parent session to join in this very important and relevant conversation for our school community.

Warm regards,

Julie Raggett
Principal
Dernancourt School