



Dear Parent/Carer

May 2024

Good news – we are cashless!

For improved security and efficiency, all catering and school shop transactions at Torquay Boys' Grammar School are cashless. And to assist this, we use biometric tills at catering points and the School Shop: there is no cash facility.

If you would like your son to purchase food or stationery items in school, you will need to top up their 'dinner money' account via the school online payment system, which your son can use for food and stationery in school (individual logon details to follow). You can track your son's purchases and set an alert, so there is no worry of running out of dinner money.

Biometric authentication is the technology that many phones have been using to unlock for several years. Please be assured that the biometric system is completely data secure. It is important to note that, as with mobile phones, the fingerprint itself is not stored: the image is converted into a digital signature from which the fingerprint itself cannot be recreated; the image is instantly deleted.

We will be registering all students' fingerprint signatures on **4 July** ready for them to use in September. For this to happen, you need to grant permission for your son to be part of the system, completing the opt-in on the SIMS data form, along with the other consents listed, which is to be returned to school by **Tuesday 11 June**.

It is perhaps worth noting that whilst the school is cashless, there will be opportunities to support House-run stalls from time-to-time that pop up some break and lunchtimes. Payment for these would be via cash or card; however, we would continue to stress that students do not need to carry excess cash in school.

We look forward to welcoming your son at TBGS on 4 July.

D. Simons

Bursar

