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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our mobile phone policy.

The introduction of our mobile phone pouch initiative has been a significant success. Since its implementation, we have seen a marked reduction in student conflict, fewer online safety concerns during the school day, and improved engagement with learning. These positive outcomes have only been possible because of the support shown by our students, families, and staff.

Whilst the policy has been highly effective, we have recently seen an increase in students bringing mobile phones into school without a pouch and handing them in to staff for safekeeping. Unfortunately, due to our insurance arrangements and the volume of devices being handed in, we are unable to continue accommodating large numbers of mobile phones in this way.

Therefore, from **Wednesday, 1 July 2026**, any student bringing a mobile phone onto the school site must ensure that it is secured in their mobile phone pouch upon arrival. If a student arrives at school with a mobile phone that is not stored in a pouch, the device will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or carer.

We appreciate that this is a firm stance; however, it is important that we maintain the high standards that have contributed to the success of the policy. It also ensures that we do not place students at risk of losing their device, as the school cannot accept responsibility for mobile phones that are brought into school outside of the agreed arrangements.

Between now and 1 July, we will regularly remind students of this change and ensure that they are fully aware of the expectations.

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, focused, and positive learning environment for all students.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Lewis
Vice Principal