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Dear WHS families,

There are **27 days** to go until our new mobile phone and personal device policy begins.

The new no-phone policy is the result of a commitment made by the state government in November 2022 and aligns South Australia with other national jurisdictions. Stopping high school students from using mobile phones during school time will help improve both their concentration in the classroom and level of learning retention.

From term 1 of the 2023 school year, students have been transitioning to keeping their mobile phones off while school is on and from term 2 the phone ban will be in place at Willunga High School.

You will find the differences between what term 1 and term 2 will look like at Willunga High School below. We appreciate parent support as we implement these changes.

Term 1	Term 2
Students can use phones and personal devices in breaks (not studies)	Students cannot use phones or personal devices in breaks or studies
Students can have phones and personal devices in their pockets, switched off, unless directed by a teacher that this is unsafe for that class (e.g. PE).	Student phones and personal devices must be off and in their lockers while at school.
Students can use their phones and personal devices for academic reasons if permitted and supervised by a teacher or staff member.	Student phones and personal devices must be off and in their lockers while at school.
If a student is seen with their phone or personal devices in class without permission, they are directed to put it in a locked box or cupboard within the classroom environment. Parents are notified by the teacher.	If a student is seen with their phone or personal device, they are directed to take it to a designated location and surrender it for the remainder of the day. Parents are notified by SMS.
If a student requires a medical or wellbeing exemption to use a phone or personal device, this can be provided by a coordinator.	If a student requires a medical exemption to use a phone or personal device (e.g. to monitor diabetes), this can be provided by a coordinator. If a student seeks a wellbeing exemption, a coordinator or other staff member will work with them to find an alternate strategy.



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