

# CASULA HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear parents and caregivers,

The NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023.

Casula High School will be making changes to the way mobile phones are accessed by students during the school day. The new system is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

## **Important changes coming in Term 4**

The new mobile devices management plan at Casula High School will apply to mobile phones and headphones including air pods. It will be implemented during all school hours, including arrival at school, break times such as during lunch and recess, as well as while students are on school-based excursions.

Students will still be able to carry their phones while travelling to and from school.

## **How we will restrict mobile phone access**

After careful consideration with our key stakeholders including the Student Representative Council (SRC), our parent community, staff and executive teams, we have decided to proceed by using the option of **locked pouches** to reduce the distractions of students in the classroom.

Every student will secure their phone every day in a pouch when they are at school or on a school-based excursion or activity. Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until the pouch is unlocked at the end of the school day. Students are required to bring their pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

## **Further information regarding the policy**

More information about the incoming mobile phone policy will be communicated at a webinar. This webinar will take place via zoom and the link will also be texted home to parents on the day of the webinar. The details are:

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 5:30pm - 6pm

Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69659411066?pwd=bn04Vmp4S1BTUStSNnpvZm5Jb0ZlZz09>

If you have specific questions, you would like answered please ask these via the google link below and they will be addressed at the webinar:

<https://forms.gle/828w5fuJidBffGNc9>

We are excited to make our school a mobile phone-free space to improve learning and engagement, however, we will always make sure you can contact your child in an emergency through the front office. If you have any questions, please contact the school directly on 9602 4320.

Sincerely,

Gareth Smith

Principal