

2 July 2025

Dear Parents.

As previously communicated, starting from **Term 3**, students will **no longer be able to use their Digital Devices (e.g. mobile phones/watches) to pay at the school canteen**. This means payments using Apple Pay, Google Pay or other device-based methods will not be accepted.

This change aligns with the **NSW Government's Digital Devices in NSW Schools Policy**, which restricts the use of phones during school hours to support student wellbeing, reduce distractions, and maintain a focused learning environment.

To continue accessing the canteen, students are encouraged to use one of the following alternative payment options:

- Debit or prepaid cards
- Cash
- Online orders through My School Connect (https://myschoolconnect.com.au)

We understand that adjusting to this change may take time. To support students during the transition, the school will provide **canteen vouchers** in cases where a student forgets to bring a suitable payment method. These will ensure no student goes without food, and follow-up contact will be made with families if needed. Should students require a voucher they can collect one from the front office.

We strongly encourage families to help students prepare for this change and check that they have a valid card or cash with them each day, or have access to online ordering.

If you need assistance with setting up a My School Connect account or have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours Sincerely

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