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HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION COMMUNICATION - Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy during homestay duration.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING NEW ZEALAND HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

The school has established the following regulations regarding the use of mobile phones and electronic devices. We ask all parents and students to carefully read and strictly adhere to the policy.

1. Centralised Management of Electronic Devices

1. Upon arrival, **all mobile phones and personal electronic devices (including but not limited to mobile phones, iPads, gaming devices, etc.) will be collected and securely kept by the school's international department or accompanying teachers.**
2. Except during designated times, **students are not allowed to possess or use any electronic devices privately.** Hiding, borrowing, or sharing devices is strictly prohibited.
3. If a student is found concealing or using electronic devices in violation of this policy, **the school will impose serious consequences depending on the situation**, and the student and parents will bear full responsibility.

2. Scheduled Communication with Parents

1. **Students are only allowed to contact their parents at scheduled times** at the school. During this time a school phone will be available for limited use (we suggest a maximum of 10 minutes per session).
2. Students are **not allowed to contact parents outside of these scheduled days and times** unless there is an emergency.
3. In case of an emergency, students can communicate through the school and international staff will notify the parents immediately if necessary.

3. Why This Policy?

This policy is based on years of experience hosting international students. The rationale behind it includes:

- **To help students avoid excessive reliance on parental comfort in the early stages of adaptation**, allowing them to focus on problem-solving and building resilience.
- **To prevent misunderstandings or unnecessary concern caused by emotional or exaggerated feedback**, which could interfere with the smooth operation of the program.
- **To encourage students to fully immerse themselves in New Zealand's local school and homestay culture**, enhancing their English communication skills and intercultural understanding.

4. A Growth Journey for Both Students and Parents

We understand that letting your child live independently in a foreign country for the first time can be challenging. But please trust:

- **Your child is capable of overcoming difficulties and growing through this experience, with full support from our teachers and homestay families;**
- **The school and program organisers have established comprehensive safety and support systems**, ensuring your child is 100% safe both at school and in their homestay.

This is not only a valuable journey of growth for the child but also an opportunity for parents to practice trust and letting go.

5. If You're Not Ready Yet...

If you feel your child is not yet fully ready to live independently, or may struggle to cope without daily parental presence, you may choose one of the following accommodation options:

1. **Parent and child stay together in local accommodation (e.g., Airbnb), arranged with support from the program organizer;**
2. **Students stay in a shared house with an accompanying teacher**, who will supervise and care for them daily;
3. **Independent and well-prepared students may stay in local homestays**, offering full cultural and language immersion.

We respect every family's situation and decision and hope all choices are made based on the child's true readiness, not on impulse or peer pressure. I have read and understood this policy _____ (Parent) _____ (Student)

Initialled by: _____ (parent) _____ (student)