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Dear Parent/Carer

What a great start in lessons today for our 'Routines for Learning'. We have made it clear from the start that our expectations are high, and that our standards for behaviour and effort in lessons will not fall. It has been brilliant to see the majority of students follow us on this journey, really engaging with all available activities and engrossing themselves in all aspects of school life. We will continue in this push for excellence in behaviour, so that all students experience positive learning environments, calm classrooms and feel safe and cared for within school.

Unfortunately, today we have seen isolated incidents of physical violence between students. To reassure you these were two incidents out of the whole school, with another relating to students arguing that was quickly addressed. These have been the first occurrences of this nature in months, but I would like to reaffirm our stance as I am not happy at all with the unacceptable behaviour shown by some students today.

The very small percentage of students who display these behaviours, and who continue to not come with us on our journey, will ultimately not do so. Fairfax needs to be a safe and supportive environment for all, and we will not tolerate behaviour of this kind.

There will be assemblies tomorrow for Year 7 and 8 students where I will reinforce these expectations, as students from these year groups were involved in the incidents today. As always, I trust we have your support as parents and carers.

A reminder our ARKS values are Ambition, Respect, Kindness and Safety. Our 'Routines for Learning' will see an improvement in student behaviour, but we still have a way to go to ensure all students feel safe and happy all of the time. Please be reminded that bullying, fights and other such incidents will be treated with a zero-tolerance approach.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to grow together.

Yours sincerely



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Principal