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Dear Parents & Carers,

Subject: Removal of Fig Tree at Boston St Entrance

I am writing to inform our school community about an important decision regarding the necessary removal of one of the fig trees that line the Boston Street entrance of our school (closest fig tree to the Science Building).

Over the years, these fig trees have held a special place in our hearts, evoking sentimental memories for our school community. They have stood as symbols of growth, resilience, and natural beauty. However, recent assessments and investigations have revealed significant damage being caused to the path, water, sewage and electrical systems in the vicinity of the tree.

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is our utmost priority, and it is crucial that we address this issue promptly. The damage being caused to the path and underground systems poses potential risks that could compromise the overall safety of our school. It is in light of these concerns that we have come to the difficult decision of removing the tree.

We have consulted with professional arborists and experts in the field to explore alternative options to save the tree while preserving the safety of our infrastructure. Unfortunately, it has been determined that the damage cannot be effectively mitigated without the removal of the tree.

We understand that this decision may generate mixed emotions among our community members. We encourage open dialogue and welcome your thoughts and concerns. If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prioritize the safety and structural integrity of our school. Together, we can ensure that our school continues to thrive and provide a secure environment for all.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie McDowall
Principal