

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

POLICY

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools unless for medical purposes. For the purposes of this policy, mobile phones includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices, and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

RATIONALE

While we recognise that mobile phones are an integral part of 21st century life, it is important that we maintain our focus on learning for students and reduce distractions that impact students' academic, social, and emotional well-being while at school.

POLICY PROCEDURES

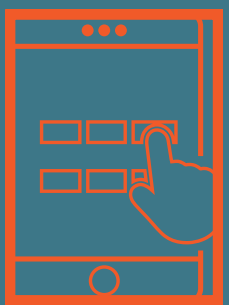
Students are banned from using mobile phones from the time they arrive to the conclusion of the school day unless the student has been granted an exemption to monitor a health condition, as part of a school approved documented health care plan. All payments at the college must be made using physical EFTPOS cards or cash.



Every student will secure their mobile phone in a personally assigned Yondr Pouch each morning, upon arrival to the College. The Yondr pouch should remain in the student's bag for the day.



Upon exiting the College at the end of the school day, students will unlock their Yondr Pouch at designated magnets placed at exit points.



Loan devices (iPads, Laptops) are available from the Discovery Centre prior to Period 1 for any student without access to a device.

BREACH OF POLICY

In any instance where a student is using a mobile phone during the school day, the following process will be followed:



INITIAL BREACH OF POLICY

Students will be directed by a staff member to place their phone into their Yondr Pouch and lock it. If a student does not have a pouch, their phone will be confiscated for the day by their LT/2IC or an Associate Principal.



ONGOING BREACH OF POLICY

The mobile phone will be confiscated by LT/2IC or Associate Principal for collection at the end of the school day.



SERIOUS BREACH OF POLICY

The Positive Behaviour Plan procedures will be applied where students do not comply with this policy.

If your Yondr Pouch is tampered with, destroyed, lost or broken, student's mobile phone will be confiscated and a new Yondr Pouch will be issued and replacement cost invoiced to Parent/Guardian.

Replacement pouches can be reordered through the Front Reception.

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school administration. Students who use a mobile phone to film an altercation (including distribution or uploading of images and videos), will receive a suspension as per The Minister's Statement on School Violence.