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Yondr program

In 2022, Quakers Hill High School embarked upon a partnership with Yondr to make our school a phone-free space.

We believe in maintaining a SMART (safe, motivated, academic, respectful and tolerant) educational environment for staff and students and have found that partnering with Yondr to support a phone free school environment supports students social, emotional and physical wellbeing whilst improving opportunities for educational achievement.

Yondr is used across the world in classrooms, at concerts and other special events to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

The Yondr program employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores a mobile phone and requires an unlocking base to open. When students arrive at school, they will turn off their mobile phone and place it into a personally assigned Yondr pouch that has been paid for by the school. Students maintain possession of their phones, but they cannot use them until their Yondr pouch is opened at the end of the school day.

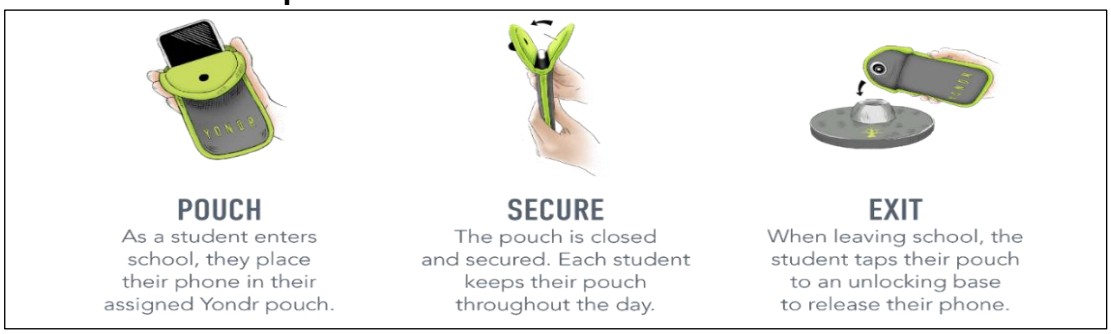
Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to school each day and are responsible for their Yondr pouch at all times.

Since the introduction of Yondr we have found that students are:

- more engaged with classroom learning and activities
- less likely to engage in negative or anti-social behaviours in the playground
- less likely to be distracted and procrastinate on assignments in class.

We want to assure our families that you can contact your child through the main office on 02 9837 1533. Unlocking stations are available in multiple locations, including the front office, library, and specified staffrooms.

How the Yondr pouch works



Frequently asked questions

- **What if I want to reach my child during the school day?**
  We want our students to be engaged in their learning. All parents/carers can contact the office (02 9837 1533) to get a message to their child.
- **What if there is a family emergency and I want to speak to my child directly?**
  If you need to speak directly to your child, you will ring the office first and then we can unlock your child's pouch so that you can speak directly to them.

- **Will my student's phone be safe?**
  Students are in possession of their phone (in their Yondr pouch) for the entire school day.
- **What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?**
  Although the pouch is given to the students for them to place their name on, it remains the property of Quakers Hill High School. If a student deliberately damages or tampers with a Yondr pouch, they will be held responsible. The student's mobile phone will be surrendered, and a parent/carer will be required to pick-up the phone. A replacement Yondr pouch will need to be purchased at a cost of $15.00.
  Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by school staff.