

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Yondr pouch?

Yondr pouch is a magnetic pouch to store phones to create a distraction free climate and culture at Batemans Bay High School. This allows teachers to teach and students to focus on their learning, so they achieve quality learning outcomes.

How does it work at Batemans Bay High School?

Batemans Bay High School will have unlocking stations located at all our entrance/exit points and several in specific learning spaces. Upon arrival at school, all phones/smart watches/airbuds need to be turned off and are placed in Yondr cases by students. At the end of the school day students can unlock their pouch at an unlocking station before going home. If a student comes late then the pouch can be unlocked at the attendance office and same protocol applies for early departure.



Step 1

POUCH

As you enter the school, you will unlock the pouch and place your phone in the Yondr pouch.



Step 2

LOCK

Once inside, the pouch will lock.



Step 3

UNLOCK

When leaving the school tap the pouch at the unlocking station to release your phone.

Does it take long to unlock the cases?

No. Yondr unlocking stations are located at each entrance/exit point to unlock cases and it takes only 2 to 3 seconds to unlock the pouch.

What if my child needs a phone for learning?

If there is a specific learning activity that requires mobile phone usage in the classroom, teachers will have access to mobile Yondr unlocking stations that will allow pouches to be unlocked when required. Students will undertake the learning activity and then will be required to switch off their phone and place it back into the Yondr pouch before moving to the next lesson or the playground.

What if my child needs the phone for medical reasons?

Mobile phone exemption forms will be available for students that have a medical reason which requires phone usage throughout the day. Students/Families will need to complete a mobile exemption form and provide the required medical evidence. These forms will be available for parents to access upon request in Term 2.

How will teachers identify if my child has mobile exemption?

When mobile exemption is approved, the student will be issued with an exemption pouch. Students can use their phone for the purpose of the exemption **only**.

What if I need to contact my child?

If you need to get in contact with your child, you can ring the school's front office on 4478 3600. The front office will organise to locate your child and pass on your message or bring them to the front office for pick up or other as required.

What happens if there is an emergency at the school?

Our staff are trained to execute safety and emergency procedures. Students will follow the school's emergency procedures for Evacuation and Lock-Down in the case of an emergency. Schools will communicate with parents via school communication processes and systems.

Implementation

Information and procedures will be available in Term 2 on Enews and our school website.

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