

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 PGHS, allowing teachers to teach and students to focus on their learning without disruptions so students can reach their greatest potential.

How does it work at Parafield Gardens High School?

We have 8 unlocking stations located at all our entrance/exit points and several in specific learning spaces. Upon arrival at school, all phones and smart watches will be turned off and are placed in Yondr cases by our students. At the end of the school day students can unlock their pouch at an unlocking station. If a student comes late then the pouch can be unlocked at the Student Services and same protocol for early departure.



Step 1 POUCH

As you enter the school, you will unlock the pouch and place your Phone in a Yondr pouch



Step2 LOCK

Once phone inside, the pouch will lock.



Step 3 UNLOCK

When leaving school Tap the pouch at the unlocking station

Does it take long to unlock the cases?

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

What if my child needs a phone for learning?

If there is 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. There are also several internal Yondr unlocking stations located on the STEM, ART and theatre spaces; these stations are secured by lock boxes and can be unlocked by learning area leaders. Students will undertake the learning activity and then will be required to switch off their device and place it back into the Yondr pouch.

What if my child uses the phone to access internet sites that are blocked at the school for learning?

We understand that our school is a dynamic learning environment and that content on the internet is always changing. It is important to understand that it is a requirement of the Department of Education (DfE) that all internet access at our school be filtered for inappropriate content. This policy covers both personal and school devices at all times. Our school's internet filtering policy aligns with current DfE guidelines. We have recently reviewed our filtering policy to support teaching and learning in our classrooms. We have empowered our staff to be able to reclassify websites as required during school hours. However, it is vital to understand that students and staff have access to only appropriate content at all times.

We have dedicated educational resources to support such as Ebooks, Clickview (educational video libraries) and other online resources to support learning at PGHS.

What if my child needs the phone for medical reasons?

Mobile phone exemption is available for students that have a medical reason to need their phone throughout the day. Students/Family will need to complete a Mobile exemption form and provide required medical evidence. Temporary exemption can be issued for up to 3 weeks whilst medical evidence is sought.

How will teachers identify if my child has mobile exemption?

When mobile exemption is approved, the student will be issued with an exemption sticker/card for their Chromebook and note recorded on DayMap. These records are secure and private (only accessible by staff). 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 please ring the school's front office on 08 8258 9855, you will then be redirected to student services who will locate your child and either redirect your call to their learning space or arrange to have your child brought to student services so that you may speak to them directly. If unavailable student services will also arrange for a message to be passed onto your child on your behalf. It is important that we follow this process to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child and other students in the school.

What happens if there is an emergency at the school?

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