

Yondr Phone Pouches at Grafton High School



Grafton High's Phone Policy

- In 2020 Grafton High introduced a new phone policy in alignment with the NSW Department of Education's guidelines on phone use within schools.
- As we understand that many students travel, work or participate in sport/training after school we looked at a system which allowed them to have them at school but restricted their access.
- Grafton High chose to use Yondr Phone pouches.

How does this work?

- Each student is issued with a Yondr pouch.
- Upon entering the school they place their phone which is switched off into their pouch, close it and place it in their bag for the day.
- When leaving at the end of the day they access the unlocking devices located on every school gate and unlock the pouch, access their phone and close the pouch until the next day.

THE PROCESS



1. POUCH

As you enter the phone-free area, your phone will be placed in a Yondr pouch.



2. LOCK

Once inside, the pouch will lock. You'll maintain possession of your phone at all times.



3. UNLOCK

To use your phone, step outside and tap it on any unlocking base.

What if my child has their phone out at school?

The teacher will generate a Phone Incident in our Sentral student database.

- ***On the first occasion:*** The student will be spoken to by the teacher. It will be explained that this is their first warning, and a negative Phone Incident Sentral entry will be recorded against their name.
- ***On the second occasion:*** The student will be spoken to by the teacher, who will inform the appropriate Faculty Head Teacher. The student will then be issued with a Formal Warning of Suspension. A phone call home will be made to accompany this.
- ***On the third occasion:*** The student will be issued with a short suspension for continued disobedience.

Frequently Asked Questions?

What if they damage or lose the pouch?

Replacement pouches will need to be purchased for \$10 from the front office.

What if my child has a medical requirement for using the phone?

For example, students with apps monitoring their diabetes will have an exemption.

How do I contact my child?

Our front office staff are more than happy to pass on important messages regarding your child that are of an urgent nature.