



## YONDR POUCHES

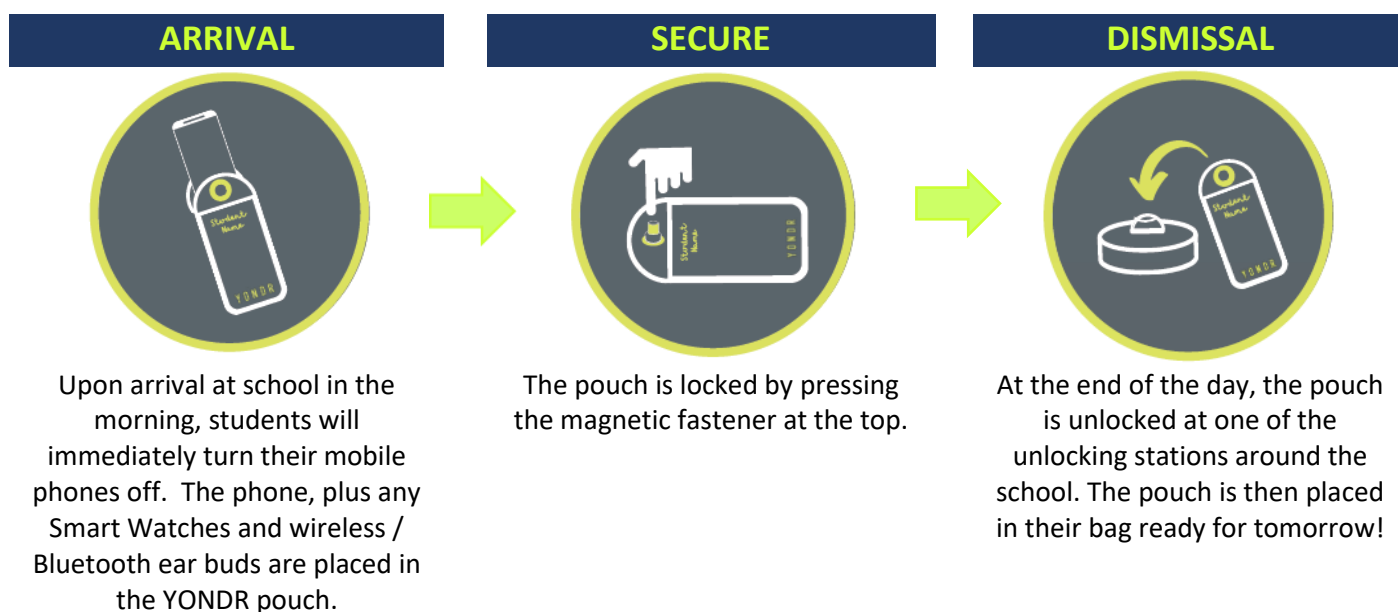
### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is a YONDR pouch?

A YONDR pouch is a magnetic pouch to store phones to create a distraction free climate and culture at Mount Gambier High School, allowing teachers to teach and students to focus on their learning without disruptions so they can reach their greatest potential.

#### How do students use their YONDR pouch each day?

Upon arrival at school, all electronic devices (ie. mobile phones, smart watches and Bluetooth ear buds) will be turned off and are placed in YONDR pouches by our students. At the end of the day students can unlock their pouch at an unlocking station. These stations can be found at various locations across the school.



#### What if I need to reach my child, due to a family emergency, during the school day?

In the event of a family emergency, parents/caregivers should contact Student Services on 8721 0200. A member of our team will get the message to your child as soon as possible. Non-urgent messages can be emailed direct to students by parents/caregivers using their school email address. These messages can be accessed by students on their laptop computers during class time.

#### What if there is a school emergency?

Parents/caregivers will be contacted directly via SMS (in the event of a whole school emergency), or directly via a phone call (for individual students) as per the school's current Emergency Response Procedure.

#### My child has a casual position after school. How does their employer contact them to advise changes to their shift?

Employers can still contact students via phone before and after school hours. Alternatively employers can contact students via email.

### **Will the mobile devices be safe in the YONDR pouch?**

Students will be encouraged to store the pouch in their locked locker, or alternatively, they may choose to carry them with them during the day.

### **What if the YONDR pouch is lost or damaged?**

The YONDR pouch remains the property of the school and is the responsibility of the student. If the pouch is lost or damaged, families will need to order a new pouch through Student Services at a cost of \$12. Students will not be permitted to have their device at school until a new pouch has been purchased. In the event that devices are brought to school, they must be handed in to ICT Services (in the Collaborative Learning Centre) upon arrival each morning.

Note: Damage consists of any signs that the physical integrity of the pouch has been compromised, whether intentional or unintentional, as determined by a member of the school leadership team.

### **Can the pouches be unlocked after hours?**

Unlocking stations will not be accessible after 4pm on school days or on weekends.

### **Can my child decorate or personalise their YONDR pouch?**

Students are required to have their name clearly written on their pouch in a suitable black waterproof marker. No other decorations, artwork or graffiti is allowed on the pouch.

### **What if my child needs their phone for extenuating reasons (such as diabetes)?**

Exemptions can be requested by completing an “*Electronic Device Exemption Form*” (available for download from [www.mghs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mghs.sa.edu.au)). Each request is judged on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Principal (or delegate). Exemptions will be recorded in the student’s file or health care/learning plan as appropriate and noted on Daymap to inform staff that an exemption is in place.

### **My child is going on a camp. Are they able to contact me while they are away?**

Students may be permitted to bring personal devices on a camp or excursion for learning purposes and/or to facilitate contact with their families at specified and supervised times. Expectations regarding student use of devices on the camp or excursion will be detailed in parent consent information.

### **How will my child pay for food at the Canteen without their mobile phone?**

Students have three options for purchasing from the Canteen: cash, a debit card or pre-order using the Qkr App prior to the school day commencing (this is the recommended option).