



Coleambally Central School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The NSW Government has announced restrictions on the use of mobile phones in NSW high schools beginning in Term 4, 2023. This is being implemented to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and to also promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying.

Coleambally Central School is updating the Students Mobile Phone Management Plan to align with NSW statewide policy.

Important changes coming in Term 4

The new Students Use of Mobile Phone Management Plan at Coleambally Central School will apply to both mobile phones and Smartwatches during school hours along with school-based excursions.

Students will continue to be able to carry and use their phones while travelling to and from school.

How we will restrict mobile phone access

After careful consideration with our key stakeholders including School Parliament, P&C, staff and executive teams, we have decided to continue using Yondr pouches to lock mobile phones & smartwatches at school and on school-based excursions.

What does this mean?

To remain compliant to the Student Mobile Phone Management Plan it is the student's responsibility to:

- Bring their Yondr pouch to school each day.
- Use the Yondr pouch in accordance with "The Yondr Process" each day.
- Immediately report any damage to the Yondr pouch or if it is lost or stolen.

This must be done to avoid a breach of the Students Mobile Phone Management Plan.

Students are met at the gate each morning and reminded about their Yondr pouches and there is an opportunity to report their pouch as lost/stolen or damaged. When a student repeatedly does not bring their Yondr Pouch, parents will be contacted.

In the event that the Yondr Pouch is deliberately and intentionally damaged, there will be a replacement fee of \$20.00.

In accordance with the Departments *Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools policy* and *Suspension and Expulsion Procedures*, students who intentionally breach the Students Mobile Phone Management Plan risk:

- Verbal warnings to the student and parent.
- Formal Caution to Suspend in writing.
- Suspension.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Micheal Burke
Principal

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