

Managing Electronic Devices in School

Rationale

Davidson High School is a Positive Education learning environment that seeks to grow and develop our students. At the core of this is the building of positive relationships between all stakeholders in the school and engaging students in their learning. It is considered important to foster the development of social and emotional intelligence amongst our students. The constant use of mobile devices has shown to block or hinder positive connections and personal growth, while decreasing the level of student engagement during lessons.

Davidson High School consulted with its community during 2021, and at the P&C meeting on Tuesday 22nd February the decision to employ the Yondr Pouch program was endorsed.

Davidson High School has a policy of no mobile phones/electronic devices (including headphones) for years 7-10 during the school day. This does not include BYOD laptops / tablet computers and these come under the Davidson High School Acceptable Use Policy. If a parent needs to contact a student during the school day, they are able to contact the office and a message will be forwarded to the student directly. It is understood that students may need a mobile phone before or after school for safety reasons. For this purpose they will be able to use their phone once they are unlocked as they exit the school.

School Expectations

- All students in years 7-10 will be provided with a Yondr pouch to secure their device for the duration of their enrolment.
- The school issued pouch is seen to be part of the school uniform, and students are expected to have their Yondr pouch at school every day.
- This pouch remains the property of the school and students are responsible for maintaining the pouch in workable condition.
- Loss or destruction of the pouch will result in the student being charged for a replacement pouch. The number assigned to the pouch must be kept visible for identification purposes at all times.
- On entry to school all devices are required to be placed on Airplane mode or turned off and placed in the Yondr pouch.
- Earphones are not part of the school uniform and are not to be visible. Earphones are not to be stored in pockets or under shirts.
- Students are required to have their mobile phone in their Yondr pouch while at school and they are not to be left unsecured (eg in bag racks/unattended).
- Students are able to use electronic devices under the supervision of a teacher if they are used for educational purposes. Teachers will have access to the unlocking utility to release devices from the pouch for the lesson. They will be returned to the pouch and secured prior to leaving the classroom.
- Some students with specific needs may have, as part of their Personalised Learning Plan, access to these devices in the classroom to support their education. When accessing the device/s they must respect the rules and conditions discussed when creating the plan.

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- Mobile phones will be accessible for students on excursions or off site sport. Phones will not be locked in pouches where students are off site for substantial periods of time or unlikely to return to school at the end of the day/activity.
- At points during the year all students' yondr pouches will be inspected to ensure they are still functional. Students will be given a week's notice prior to the inspection date to prepare. Students will be asked during Year meetings to produce their Yondr pouch for inspection by the Deputy Principals. Primary focus will be on function and graffiti. Student's pouches that cannot be quickly unlocked and locked will be either surrendered and billed OR replaced as determined by a member of the Senior Executive.

Procedures

First Offence:

- If a student is found using their device without permission, either in the classroom or the playground, the student will be referred to the Deputy Principal. The device will be handed to the Deputy Principal and placed in a secured location until the end of the day. At the conclusion of the regular school day, the student will have it handed back to them by a member of the senior executive. This will also be recorded as a refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and recorded on the student's behaviour record.

Second Offence:

- The device will be confiscated as per the process outlined under the first offence. The student will not be permitted to collect the phone at the end of the regular school day. A parent will be notified that they can collect the phone from the school. The student will be required to hand in their device in the Yondr Pouch to the front office at the beginning of everyday for 1 week following on from the collection of their phone. This will also be recorded as a refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and recorded on the student's behaviour record.