



## YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

**We will be making our school a phone-free space to improve teaching and learning** using a system called [Yondr](#). Yondr has been implemented in over 1,000 schools across 21 countries to facilitate an engaged learning environment.

We believe that phones have great utility. We have also found that learning and social behaviour improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

**The Yondr Program utilises a simple, secure pouch that stores a phone.** Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school.

- Students will maintain possession of their phones and will not use them until their pouches are opened at the end of the school day.
- Students are required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their pouch at all times.

Yondr recently surveyed over 900 school partners to measure the effects of creating phone-free educational environments. These schools achieved notable progress in multiple areas:

- **65% of schools identified an improvement in academic performance**
- **74% of schools identified an improvement in student behaviour**
- **83% of schools identified an improvement in student engagement in the classroom**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lyn Schiller (Deputy Principal) on 6382 1166 or attend the upcoming meeting about the adoption of Yondr Phone Pouches on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 in the school hall from 5:30-6:30pm. Yondr representatives will be present at the meeting to give information and answer questions.

Please click on the following link to view information about how Yondr has been received in other schools of Australia <https://youtu.be/h5LRJjfZ8rY>

In an effort to best serve your child, we appreciate your full support in adoption of the Yondr Program at our school.

Thank you,

**Ms Anna Barker**  
Principal  
Young High School

**Mrs Lyn Schiller**  
Deputy Principal  
Young High School

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