



QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

70 Lalor Road, Quakers Hill NSW 2763 PHONE: 02 9837 1533 FAX: 02 9837 1747

EMAIL: quakershil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WEBSITE: www.quakershil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL: Mr Jason White



**Nirimba
Collegiate**

YONDR PROGRAM

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 7, 2024

In 2022 Quakers Hill High School embarked on a partnership with Yondr (<https://www.veryondr.com/use-yondr>) in order to make our school a phone-free space.

We understand and believe that mobile phones have great utility, but we have also found that learning and social behaviour improve drastically when students are more engaged with their teachers and classmates. Further to this we have seen that mobile phone use has become a distraction within the classroom and a source of conflict between students in the playground.

Quakers Hill High School believes in maintaining a SMART (safe, motivated, academic, respectful and tolerant) educational environment for all staff and students at all times and we believe that partnering with Yondr to create a phone free school environment will support students social, emotional and physical wellbeing whilst improving opportunities for educational achievement.

Yondr is used across the world in classrooms and schools, at concerts, comedy shows, weddings and special events of all kinds. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings.

The Yondr program employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores a mobile phone and requires an unlocking base to open. When students arrive at school, they will turn their mobile phone to flight mode or off and place their mobile phone into a personally assigned Yondr pouch that has been paid for by the school. Students will maintain possession of their mobile phones but they will not be able to use them until their Yondr pouch is opened at the end of the school day. A detailed Personal Device Policy incorporating Yondr has been developed and will be shared with parents and students.

Students ARE required to bring their Yondr pouch to and from school each day and are responsible for their Yondr pouch at all times.

We believe this allows our students to be:

- More engaged with classroom learning and activities
- Less likely to engage in negative or anti-social behaviours in the playground
- Less likely to be distracted and procrastinate on assignments in class

We have directly consulted with three other Sydney schools that have implemented Yondr and all have reported significant positive changes in social, emotional and educational wellbeing.



QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

70 Lalor Road, Quakers Hill NSW 2763 PHONE: 02 9837 1533 FAX: 02 9837 1747

EMAIL: quakershil-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WEBSITE: www.quakershil-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL: Mr Jason White



**Nirimba
Collegiate**

We want to assure our families that you will be able to contact your child through the main office on 9837 1533. Unlocking stations are available in multiple locations, including the Front Office, Library, and specified staffrooms.

HOW THE YONDR POUCH WORKS



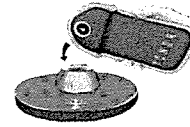
POUCH

As a student enters school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch.



SECURE

The pouch is closed and secured. Each student keeps their pouch throughout the day.



EXIT

When leaving school, the student taps their pouch to an unlocking base to release their phone.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to reach my child during the school day?

We want our students to be engaged in their learning. All parents/carers can contact the office (9837-1533) in order to get a message to their child.

What if there is a family emergency and I want to speak to my child directly?

In case of an emergency where you need to speak directly to your child you will ring the office first and then we can unlock your child's pouch so that you can speak directly to them.

Will my student's phone be safe?

Students are in possession of their phone - in their Yondr pouch - for the entire school day. We will advise students to store the pouch in their backpacks where it is completely safe.

What if the Yondr pouch gets damaged?

Although the pouch is given to the students for them to place their name on, it remains the property of Quakers Hill High School. If a student deliberately damages or tampers with a Yondr pouch, they will be held responsible. The student's mobile phone will be surrendered and a parent/carer will be required to pick-up the phone. A replacement Yondr pouch will need to be purchased at a cost of \$15:00.

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