



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Maclean High School we currently have a Digital Device Policy and Procedures that partners with Yondr to make our school a Digital Device free space.

I am writing to you all, as a reminder to many but also as an introduction to our new students, Year 7 for 2023 and their families. The roll out of the Yondr pouches has been much later than anticipated, but now they have arrived we are fortunate to be provided with new locking/unlocking stations and new and improved Yondr pouches that will be available to all our students here at Maclean High School.

Yondr has been used across the world in thousands of schools, as well as at concerts, comedy shows, businesses, camps, weddings, and special events of all kinds. The goal of these spaces is to encourage people to engage with each other and their surroundings and we are asking the same of our students.

We believe that phones and other digital devices have a great utility, however, research has found that learning and social behaviour improve drastically when students are fully engaged with their teachers and classmates.

The Yondr Program employs a simple, lockable pouch that stores a mobile phone. Every student will secure their phone in a personally assigned Yondr pouch when they arrive at school each day. 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.

For detailed information, please refer to the Digital Device Policy and Procedures document attached. This document will also be available soon on the school website. If you have further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly on 66452244.

To best educate your child, we appreciate your full support in the Digital Device Policy and procedures and the use of the Yondr Program at Maclean High School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Carle', written in a cursive style.

Anna Carle

Deputy Principal