

# Student Mobile Phone Management Strategy



RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Community  
Presentation

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# Acknowledgement of Country

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Bidjigal people, of the lands on which we gather today. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people joining us today.





# Why are we implementing this strategy?

The implementation of this strategy is a requirement under the NSW Department of Education: **Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy**.

The NSW government has mandated that all public high schools adopt a total ban on mobile devices commencing Day 1 of Term 4.

This strategy will also support an increase in student focus and learning in classrooms, remove distractions and also promote positive social interactions.



# What is the 'locked device pouch' system?



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The locked device pouch system is a system that will keep your child's phone locked and secure during the school day.

Your child will be provided with a pouch that will be locked when they arrive, and unlocked at the end of the school day, using unique infrastructure.

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# Daily Mobile Phone Procedures

## Lock

1

Turn off your phone as you enter the school gate.

Place it in your Lockable Pouch.

Keep it in your bag.



## Learn

2

Your phone will stay locked and in your bag throughout the day.



## Unlock

3

At the end of the school day you can unlock your Lockable Pouch at the unlocking stations located at school exits.





# Key questions

We know this is a big change and we are here to answer your questions!

But first, let's go through some commonly asked questions.



What if I need to contact my child?

A call can be placed directly to the school in an emergency.

Who is responsible for the mobile phone?

As your child retains their mobile phone throughout the day, they remain responsible.

Are there any exemptions?

Exemptions will be made for mobile phones that are required for medical requirements, such as diabetics monitoring. Note that anxiety will not be accepted as a reason.

What devices are covered as part of this strategy?

Mobile phones are the focus. Other devices such as smart watches and air pods are not permitted at school and must be left in the bag.



What will happen if my child does not comply?

The school's existing Student Behaviour policy and procedures will be applied to your child.

What about school excursions?

The mobile phone management strategy applies to school excursions and events unless an exemption is made by the principal. If this is the case, information will be included in the excursion permission form.

How can I assist?

Speak to your child and keep the phones at home, if at all possible

What if I expect my child to have their phones with them before and after school?

It is the expectation of the NSW government and the school that students place their phones locked away in the pouches during the school day.

This way they can use their phones before and after school.

What is the cost of a pouch?

The school will issue all students with a pouch to begin with, at no cost to the family.

What is the cost to replace a damaged or lost pouch?

It will be \$20. Without a pouch, students will have to hand over their phones to the Front Office for the day.



How else do parents have to do?

For second and subsequent infringements, parents will be expected to meet with the Deputy Principals as well as to collect the phone from the school. A formal caution with the intention to suspend will be issued. If parents are unable to do that on the day the infringement occurs, the student will be without a phone until parents are able to come to the school. We understand this is an inconvenience but your support is crucial and is greatly appreciated.

# How can you help?

- ✓ Discuss the mobile phone management strategy with your child.
- ✓ Remind them of their role in the process.
- ✓ Raise any questions or concerns with the school.



# Next steps

- ✓ If you need any further clarification on this strategy, you can contact Randwick Girls' High School and speak with the Deputy Principals.
- ✓ This strategy will be implemented at the beginning of Term 4 – Day One.
- ✓ Remember to contact the School Office 93983233, instead of calling your daughters directly, and your message will be passed on to them.
- ✓ Students are encouraged to bring their laptops as part of the BYOD policy.
- ✓ Your daughters will receive more information tomorrow from the Deputy Principals.
- ✓ Your partnership is crucial for this policy to succeed.





# Thank you for coming tonight.

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Questions?

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