

# AWAY FOR THE DAY



## Away for the Day @ Yeronga SHS

\*\* The school and school staff will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to technology devices nor will they investigate loss or damage. \*\*

\*\* Yeronga State High School strongly recommends that students do not bring their mobile devices to school, unless it is absolutely necessary. \*\*

\*\* For the purpose of this policy, 'mobile devices' include mobile phones, smartwatches and other electronic devices which have the ability to connect to the internet or telecommunication networks. \*\*

## Rationale

*In 2023, the Qld Government mandated a ban on mobile devices in all schools from 2024. The use of mobile phones and other student-owned personal technology devices i.e., iPods, iPads, smart watches, airpods, Bluetooth devices including speakers, are not permitted whilst on school grounds, or attending off-campus school events, including excursions.*

## Key changes and information

- Mobile phones must be switched off and locked in school provided pouches at all times while on school grounds or attending school events, including before and after school, during class times and at breaks.
- Pouches are provided by the school and it is the responsibility of the student to look after them. Replacement pouches will be available to purchase at the Uniform Shop for \$15.
- Principals and Deputy Principals may consider an exemption on medical grounds; all requests for exemptions must come with supporting documentation in writing.
- Students will no longer be able to use their mobile phone to pay for items at the school canteen "Snack Shack", Café or to make school payments. Students will be able to use EFTPOS cards. We recommend students pre-order food from the canteen using QKR!
- For emergencies, students will have access to telephones in the Student HUB and Administration blocks.
- Parents who need to contact their child due to urgent, unexpected events, should contact the school office.
- Students who do not keep their mobile device in the locked pouch will have it confiscated by a member of the Yeronga Leadership Team for the remainder of the day. Refusal to do so will be recorded as a major behaviour breach for defiance.

## Yeronga SHS Code of Conduct

Parents who need more information can please contact the relevant Deputy Principal.