Meningie Area School is a mobile device (phones, earbuds, smart watches) **free environment**:

In 2021 student management of mobile devices was trialled. A survey of staff, families and students supported the return to YONDR pouches (refer Dec 2021 Newsletter: (meningieas.sa.edu.au)). Research supports that device free environments improve engagement and achievement in schools:
Yondr in Schools - Parents and Staff (English Captions) on Vimeo
There's a Cell Phone in Your Student's Head – YouTube

R-6:   Mobile devices are not to be brought to school.
7-12:   Mobile devices are not to be used during school hours.

Year 7 -12 students will be assigned a personal YONDR pouch with their name on it. The pouch is considered school property, but each student has responsibility for their pouch:
- Bring it to school every day
- Maintain the pouch in good condition

Process:

Entering school:
- Turn devices off
- Unlock pouch using unlocking station at front gate entry or bus entry
- Place phone, earbuds, smart phones into pouch, securely close and store in backpack/locker.

Exiting school:
- Unlock pouch at unlocking station
- Remove mobile devices
- Securely close empty pouch and keep in bag for the next day.

Students not following process and/or pouch damage:
Teacher to refer to leaders for:
- Device out in school grounds
- Forgetting pouch
- Damage to pouch

Leader actions:
- Device to be confiscated and kept in front office, leader to have discussion with student and parent/caregiver notified
- In the case of damaged pouch, device and pouch to be confiscated. Parent/Caregiver to pick up the student's device. Device only allowed back at school when $10 replacement fee paid.

If devices required for learning:
- The teacher will use an unlocking base in class.
- If earphones are required for learning MAS will supply. If students want to use their own they must be "wired"

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