



# B.C.S. BULLETIN

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

**Be a Learner**

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Term 3 so far has been packed with many and varied opportunities: athletics, our NAIDOC celebration, Primary Industries vehicle safety course, Stage 5 careers expo and work experience, HSC Trial Exams, Education, Science and Book Weeks and Dubbo Sheep Challenge. We also welcomed our new Kindy Transition students and began subject selection for 2024.

We welcome Mrs Cheryl Christopher to our staff as K-12 Learning Support Teacher. Mrs Christopher comes with years of teaching experience in both mainstream and special support schools. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kellie Dean has been appointed to our school as the permanent primary classroom teacher. However, as Mrs Dean is currently Relieving Principal at Drake Public School, she is not able to be released to start with us until 2024. As we have been doing all year, we will continue to advertise this and other positions, and are working closely with the Priority Recruitment Team to secure more teachers.

At our next P&C meeting (Wednesday 13 September) our network's Director, Mr John Baker will be present. If you have any questions you would like to ask him, please send them in with your student or call the school before Friday 8 September. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

FOR TENDER:

John Deere X350 ride-on mower, 42" deck, 383 hours, in fair condition.

Available for inspection Tuesdays and Wednesdays only – please call the school to make an appointment.

Submission of tenders accepted until 3:00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please provide name, contact details and amount, in writing, to the school office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER – TERM 3-4 2023

<b>SEPT</b> 1-2	AG Team - Woodenbong Show	<b>SEPT</b> 21	Term 3 Assembly 10:15am Rewards Activity Afternoon
5, 12, 19	Kindy Transition @ BCS 9-3:10pm	22	Last day of Term 3 & for Year 12
7	Bonalbo-Woodenbong Sports Gala Day	<b>OCT</b> 9	Term 4 begins – all students return
13	P & C Meeting 3.30pm	10-31	Kindy Transition Tues @ BCS 9-3:10pm
14	Primary Performing Arts Concert @ Casino	11	HSC Exams begin
11-15	Year 11 Exams	18-20	Yrs 3-6 Camp to Dorroughby

Letters were sent home last week informing of student attendance rates in relation to our target of 85%. Regular attendance is vital for positive social interactions, consistent engagement and improved learning success. Parents/carers are also required to provide explanations for all absences, including a medical certificate if your child is sick for more than three days. A reminder that students are not permitted to take time off school to work.

As of day one next term, mobile phones are no longer permitted to be used by students in schools across NSW. The purpose is to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying. This new requirement will not impact our school, as we have already seen these benefits due to our current Mobile Phone Policy with the use of the Yondr Pouch system. This will continue to operate next term and beyond, as it complies with the new government regulations. It is important that students comply with the process of putting their device in their pouch, locking it and keeping it locked throughout the day. Non-compliance will continue to be dealt with as per our policy (see attached).

Students are reminded that once they are on their way to school (either by bus, car or walking) they are operating under school rules. It is important to remember that behaviour on buses is safe and respectful to all. Consequences for inappropriate behaviours can include warnings/formal cautions from both bus company and school, and suspension from the bus and/or school. Students are also not permitted to get off their bus and go to the shop before school or leave school during the day without school permission. This is a safety and duty of care issue. We also have a canteen that operates every day for students to buy food if they chose not to bring any from home.

There are only a few weeks left for our senior students. Year 12s are now finished their assessments and are busy making final preparations for the HSC Exams early next term. This means studying past topics, revising content and practising past exam papers and questions. Using study lessons and the holiday period is crucial to be fully prepared for the exams. Year 11s will have their final assessments in Week 9 this term (mainly exams) before they begin their HSC (Year 12) in Term 4. We wish all students the best in their final weeks and hope they use the time wisely to benefit their results.

We look forward to seeing you at our end-of-term assembly.

*Kathryn Taylor*  
Principal



# BONALBO CENTRAL SCHOOL

## STUDENT PHONE POLICY & PROCEDURES 2023

Phones are not to be used during the school day unless under the direction of staff. Every student will be assigned a numbered Yondr Pouch. While the Yondr Pouch is school property, it is each student's responsibility to use the Pouch as intended and keep it in good working condition.

### **DAILY PROCESS**

When students enter roll call, they will:

1. Turn off their phone.
2. Open their Yondr Pouch by tapping it against the Unlocking Base.
3. Place their phone inside their Pouch and securely close it in front of staff.
4. Store their Pouch in their backpack for the day.

At the end of the day, students will:

1. Open their Yondr Pouch by tapping it against the Unlocking Base.
2. Remove their phone and close their Pouch.
3. Place their Pouch in the tub provided, ready for the following day.

\*Students arriving late or leaving early will follow this process at the Front Office when they sign in/out.

### **How Yondr 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.

## **VIOLATIONS**

### **Pouch Damage / Lost Pouch**

Students are expected to take responsibility for their Yondr Pouch.

Damaged or lost pouches will incur a \$15 replacement fee as well as disciplinary action.

Examples of damage:

- Ripped
- Cut
- Torn
- Bent/cut pin
- Signs of force to black button on flap
- Graffiti – pen/texta marks.



### **Using Phone During School / Deliberate Deception**

If a student is found to be using their phone during the school day, disciplinary action will occur as outlined below.

The same consequences will apply if a student deliberately damages their Pouch or tries to circumvent the daily process (i.e. put something other than their usual phone in the Pouch/use other methods to open their Pouch).

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

If the daily process is not followed or deliberate damage/deception occurs, a student will be given a verbal warning and a negative incident recorded. Their phone/Pouch will be placed in the Front Office and returned to the student at the end of the day.

A second offence will result in a formal caution of suspension and a negative incident recorded. Their phone/Pouch will be placed in the Front Office and a parent/carer will need to come to the school for a conversation and return of the phone.

A third (and subsequent) offences may result in suspension for continued disobedience. Their phone/Pouch will be placed in the Front Office and a parent/carer will need to come to the school for a conversation and return of the phone.

Refusal to hand in their phone/Pouch as requested may result in suspension.

## **COMMUNICATION**

When necessary, parents/carers can contact the school (6665 1205) to leave a message for students.

If students need to get a message to their parents/carers, they are to come to the Front Office during break times and contact will be made.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

There may be times where a staff member will unlock a student's Pouch.

During lessons that require or would be enriched by the use of mobile phones, unlocking stations would be provided for educational purposes.

The Principal or delegate has the discretion to unlock Pouches as required or in emergencies.

Parents/carers of students who require their phone for medical reasons are to discuss this with the Principal. Such exemptions will be determined on individual needs.

## **REVIEW**

This policy and its procedures will be regularly reviewed to ensure processes are fair and effective.

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