



Bring Your Own Device

Parent Information Session



Why BYOD?

- In the Australian Curriculum, students develop ICT capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school, and in their lives beyond school. The capability involves students in learning to make the most of the digital technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.
- As a consequence all areas of the National Curriculum have as one of the focuses, technology. This is under the heading General Capabilities.



iPad Vs. Laptop

iPads

- Assistive features (i.e. dictation, speech selection, invert colour, word prediction) that have changed the learning environment for students with special needs.
- Easy to navigate for younger students
- Must have a wireless keyboard for school use

Laptops

- Preparation for HS transition
- USB function and the ability to navigate using a mouse
- Cheaper

Both iPad & Laptop

- Devices can help transform the classroom, offering teachers flexible instruction methods and differentiated learning.
- Devices can help create an environment that keeps students engaged and motivated resulting in less off-task behaviour and more quality learning time.
- Powerful learning tools for students with attention deficits or other cognitive and learning disabilities

Device Requirements & Accessories

In 2018,

- iPads (min 32 gig) - compatible with the iOS 12 software update;
- Students will be required to have a protective case, a wireless keyboard compatible with their iPad (preparation for NAPLAN Online) and headphones;
- Laptops - see BYOD Handbook/ School Website





Safe Keeping of Devices at School

- Devices are kept locked up in the classroom from 9am to 3pm
- Safe keeping of devices before and after school is the responsibility of the students and parents.
- We ask that students keep the devices in their school bag and do not bring them out before or after these hours.
- It is strongly advised that your child's device be added to your home contents insurance policy under portable technology.



Downloading Apps, Updates & Charging Devices

- It is a parent/student responsibility that apps are downloaded and updates are completed at home
- Updates can also take a long time, meaning the device is out of use while it is happening.
- Devices need to be charged at home each night and ready for use at school the next day.





Internet Safety at School

- The NSW Department of Education has an internet filtering system that aims to stop inappropriate material reaching the students.
- Teacher supervision is also important in monitoring student usage and behaviour online.
- Cyber Safety education
- ACORN- <https://www.acorn.gov.au/>
- E-Safety - <https://www.esafety.gov.au>





Screen time at School

“BYOD will never replace the teacher or student-student relationship.”



Tools for Learning

- Air Server
- VNC
- Microsoft Suite
- Google Suite
- Google Classroom



Questions?

Please forward questions to:

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