

**NSW Department of Education and Communities
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) STUDENT AGREEMENT**

Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the principal.

I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD policy and that:

- ☐ I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- ☐ I will use my device during school activities at the direction of the teacher.
- ☐ I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.
- ☐ I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- ☐ I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- ☐ I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.
- ☐ I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is:
 - offensive
 - pornographic
 - threatening
 - abusive or
 - defamatory
 - considered to be bullying.
- ☐ I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
- ☐ I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my device.
- ☐ I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.
- ☐ I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
- ☐ I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
- ☐ I have read and will abide by the NSW Department of Education and Communities' *Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students*.

Date: ____/____/____

Student name

in the presence of:

Parent/caregiver name

Student signature

Parent/caregiver signature

BYOD Device Requirements

Wireless connectivity:

The department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools only operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**.

Devices must support 5Ghz dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n (make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n'). Devices with 802.11a/b/g or 802.11n 2.4Ghz only will **not** be able to connect. It is important to understand the **school takes no responsibility** for 'BYOD devices' (including any damage or theft) and no technical support is available.

Operating system:

Win 7, Win 8.1 or Mac equivalent.

Software and apps:

School-based requirements. All software and apps should be fully updated.

Battery life:

A minimum of 5hrs battery life to last the school day.

Memory and RAM:

A minimum specification of 16 GB storage and 2 GB RAM *to process and store data effectively.*

Hardware features:

Camera and microphone.

Ergonomics:

Reasonable sized screen and a sturdy keyboard *to enable continuous use throughout the day.*

Other considerations

Casing: Tough and sturdy to avoid breakage.

Weight: Lightweight for ease of carrying.

Durability: Durable and strong.

Accessories

Carry case: Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device.

Insurance and warranty: Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

Back-up storage: Consider a portable hard drive as an appropriate source of back-up storage for essential documents.

BYOD Student Responsibilities

Operating system and anti-virus:

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. If applicable, students' devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

NSW Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network connection only:

Student devices are only permitted to connect to the department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

Battery life and charging:

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. *No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.*

Theft and damage:

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. *Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department.*

Confiscation:

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

Maintenance and support:

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

Ergonomics:

Students should ensure they are comfortable using their device during the school day particularly in relation to screen size, sturdy keyboard etc.

Data back-up:

Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly.

Insurance/warranty:

Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.