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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is BYO iPad?

BYO iPad (Bring Your Own iPad) is a program whereby students will be able to bring a personal iPad to school to use as their primary technological device. The school will provide the ability to connect compatible devices to a filtered Internet service.

Is an iPad the only device we can bring?

We appreciate that families have their own preferences in terms of devices and operating systems. Due to our school infrastructure and staff and technical knowledge and support, the iPad will be our only option.

What will be provided by the school?

The school will provide access to a filtered Wi-Fi Internet service.

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the family.

Will there be a permission form that needs to be signed before a student brings their own device to school?

All students, regardless of whether or not they utilise the BYO iPad program, as well as their parents, will need to sign the ICT user agreement before they can utilise electronic devices at school. The User agreement will be extended to included key elements of the BYO iPad program.

How will theft, loss or damage of a personally owned device be handled in the school?

Students, Parents and Teachers are all responsible in some way. Each case will be dealt with separately, as students, parents and teachers should be fully aware of the school's acceptable use policy and iPad Care Agreement. Theft will be dealt with by the school and police.

Will I need to have Internet access at home?

No. It would be helpful, however, to have some form of Internet access (wired or wireless) in order for a child to make full use of school resources from home, as well as the multitude of resources available on the World Wide Web. But, it is not required in order for a child to use a personal computing device at school. In addition, there are many providers of free Wi-Fi in the community that students could use to access the Internet outside of school hour. Please be aware that these connections do not provide access to a filtered Internet experience as experienced on the school's network.

Will the wireless access be filtered?

The wireless Internet access available to students will be filtered in the same way that access is managed at present. If students connect using their 3G or 4G connection then this will bypass the filtering. This is not covered by the BYOD policy.

Will there be technical assistance provided to access the wireless network or to assist with the use of BYO iPad devices?

Students will be expected to know how to connect their devices. Teachers will be available to support, along with our school ICT technicians.

Will students be able to recharge devices during the school day?

Students should not have the expectation that they will be able to charge devices at school.

Can my child keep their iPad at school?

Yes, your child can. The school will provide a lockable station but you will need to provide the charger for your child's iPad remaining at school.

Will students be able to record teachers or classmates (audio or video)?

Students are not allowed to make records of their teacher or fellow students unless it is part of a class project and permission has been granted.

Will students be able to use their devices before or after school? During lunch?

Students will not be able to use their iPad during recess or lunch, unless they are supervised by a teacher and the purpose is educational. No 'games' will be accessed during class time unless they have an educational focus.

Does the school provide insurance for damage, loss or theft?

No. We do however recommend taking out insurance to cover these eventualities.

Can students use another student's device?

No. The device that is owned by the student is to be only used by the student.

How will students be able to print?

Students cannot print to school printers at this stage. We will however be able to save documents to the Network which may have printing options.

As a parent, am I required to add additional software to my child's iPad?

All applications will be pushed out to parents/students through our central system and costs will be covered by the school.

How will these devices be used in the classroom?

Students will use their devices for a variety of activities which will vary from class to class. Activities may include (but are not limited to): complete in class activities, collaborate in real time, research for projects, and access websites with curriculum-related content, and keep track of classroom assignments, and record journal entries and other approved instructional activities.

I don't have an iPad device that my child can bring to school. Will my child be penalised or miss out on instruction?

No. It is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one.

How will screen-time be managed?

Teachers will ensure that screen-time will not be overused. This will be closely monitored by all teaching staff to ensure the wellbeing of all our students.

Will the technology replace teaching?

Not at all. Technology will be used as an accelerator to support current teaching and learning practices.

Do we have to wipe off all our personal apps and information?

No but spare storage is extremely vital. The school will be 'pushing' education apps out throughout the year. There won't be an extreme amount of apps but there may be a time where you are needed to manage the storage of the device. Photos and movies require a lot of space, so these can be easily stored on a computer or separate iCloud space.