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The BYOD initiative encourages students to use their own personal technology devices within classrooms for educational purposes only. The benefit for students using technology provides an opportunity to research, work collaboratively, and share information and ideas. The use of BYOD is considered a privilege and any misuse of devices will result in disciplinary action.

Conditions of Use

1. Network and internet access

The device must ONLY be connected to the school's wireless network DETNSW at school. Please ensure your device is network ready and capable of operating within the specifications of our network. Further information is available in the BYOD specifications and Minimum requirements.

2. Power & recharging

Devices are to be fully charged before each school day. No charging facility is provided for BYOD.

3. Technical support

Since the device is neither owned nor serviced by the school, technical support for BYOD is not offered. Students are to consult the connectivity guidelines to connect to the school's wireless network.

4. Insurance and liability

It is the school's recommendation that all devices are insured for loss or damage. Parramatta High School accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of the device. We suggest you label the device with the student's name for identification purposes. Students are accountable for any deliberate damage according to school's discipline policy.

5. Content & Copyright

All content including photos, video, music, files, and apps must be appropriate, as deemed by the school. A Parent/Guardian must certify that all content stored on the device is compliant with copyright law and regulations. Any use of a device deemed inappropriate by the school will result in the withdrawal of BYOD privileges.

6. Registration of a device

All devices must be registered with the school, information should include brand, model, serial number and description of device, i.e., colour, features, additional accessories and description of the physical condition of device. Please be specific about the device as this information will be used if it has been lost or stolen.



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BYOD Device Requirements

Wireless connectivity:

High schools: The department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. Devices that do not support the standard may have issues connecting to DEC network.

Operating system:

The current or prior version of any operating system. Note that Android based devices are not recommended because not all applications will work on the school's wireless network.

Software and apps:

Word Processing, presentation, and spreadsheet capacity. All software and apps should be fully updated.

Battery life:

A minimum of 6 hours 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*. 4GB is recommended, however.

Hardware features:

Camera and microphone. USB and printing capacity.

Ergonomics:

Minimum screen size 9.7" 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.



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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, or the student is not abiding by the Student Agreement in some way.

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.



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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) User Charter

- I acknowledge that I have read the BYOD policy and conditions of the User Charter.
 - I agree that I have read and 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
 - 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*. (attached) and the Parramatta High School BYOD Student Responsibilities (attached)
- I understand that failing to comply with the school's BYOD policy will result in withdrawal of privilege to use the device and disciplinary action.

Student name

Student signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian signature

Date of agreement

Device information

Brand (eg. apple, samsung)

Model (eg. ipad mini 32gb, samsung chromebook)

Serial number

Accessories (eg. protective case colour)

Discerning features (colour, labelling)

Condition (as new, existing damage)