



'Bring Your Own Device'

Extended Trial for Yr 5-6 students in 2017

Devices

Chromebooks: the preferred device

As a school we are promoting 11 inch Chromebooks. These are the features that we believe make Chromebooks the right choice for our school:

- they have exceptional battery life – up to 8 hrs
- student work is saved to their unique Google account - it is saved as they type so they don't have to worry about losing it
- work is saved online - this means that they can access it on any device by logging into their Google account
- they are small, light, easy to carry and to store
- no other programs are needed to be downloaded to the Chromebook – meaning fewer distractions
- they are relatively well priced compared to other devices

Chromebooks: purchasing

You can purchase Chromebooks from all leading retailers.

We have established a relationship with Harvey Norman, having worked with their education department previously.

Laptops or other devices

For our trial students will be permitted to bring laptops but only if they are relatively new and capable of utilising Google Apps effectively. But the device must come charged and be able to stay charged for the day.

We do not recommend that students bring iPads due to some limitations with Google Apps and an inability to run some programs.

Students without own device

Each Year 5-6 class has some school-purchased Chromebooks available. But these are limited and students will need to share these.

Each class also has some school iPads for children to use. (These have specific uses including being high quality multimedia devices).

Students sharing their 'BYOD'

Children are not allowed to share their device with others. They are the sole user of their device.

Learning

Time spent on devices daily

The devices will be used across the curriculum but usage will vary depending upon the learning area and the type of activity required. Students will be using their devices approximately 60-70% of the time, and at times will be working in their books, only accessing their device when necessary to

support them with their learning. Many activities will be planned that are directly applicable to working on a device, while some activities will not require devices (just as they would not require 'book work' either). We feel it is important for students to experience a balance of activities as well as planned and natural breaks during the time spent on a device. And some activities will still definitely lead students to working with pencil and paper.

Balance between Digital tools and Handwriting

It is crucial that children learn how to correctly form letters and numbers. Students will need to demonstrate a fluent legible hand writing style otherwise they will continue to practise their skills until this is established.

All students will still be expected to work in books on a daily basis, whenever necessary to ensure they have balance with their work output and to ensure that their writing skills are maintained.

Use of devices during break times

We believe in helping children to recognise and achieve balance in their lives. With this in mind, break times will be device-free.

Use of devices at home

Homework is being reviewed to reflect practices in the classroom. This will mean students will have a mix of handwritten/hands on and digital based homework tasks to complete each week.

Students printing from devices

If your child wishes to print then they must share this with the teacher who will do it for them.

However, as the children are able to share their work so freely via Google Apps with peers, teachers and parents, they should not need to print things off very often.

Procedures

Security of devices during the day

During break times students are required to put their device away in their case and these will be placed in an area of the classroom not easily accessed.

Students are not allowed to access classrooms during break times.

Any breaking of school rules will be addressed quickly.

Liability for loss or damage

We will investigate any incident and will contact parents to discuss any findings & responsibility.

Any students who breach school rules will be dealt with according to our school's behaviour plan.

Devices should be covered by parents in their home and contents insurance.

Technical support

If you have any problems with your device we may offer some technical assistance but if it is a major issue you will need to take it back to the place of purchase.

Charging for student devices

Devices need to arrive at school fully charged at the beginning of each school day. There is no guarantee that students will be able to charge their device.

BYOD User Agreement

All students who want to BYOD must complete the agreement and return it to school.