



MINNAMURRA Public School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information Sheet 2018

In a changing and technological world, Minnamurra Public School aims to provide students with interfaces in education which encourage student understanding of the benefits that technology brings to an individual's life. The BYOD program allows each student to have their own device which they can work with. The device is to enhance learning for all students and support existing classroom practices.

Within this program, students will still be required to write and read printed material. However, there will be a balance of learning using technology.

Device Requirements

Students will connect to the Minnamurra Public School's Wireless network; as such the device needs wireless capability. Through connection to the DoE's network, students will have protections against inappropriate sites which will assist in the control of what students can access. The device is not to be 3G or 4G active as this allows connections to external sources through personal Wi-Fi data. (If the device does have this capability the SIM card needs to be removed prior to the device arriving to school). Devices must support 5GHz dual band, 802.11a/b/g/n Wi-Fi. Apple devices must be updated to at least version 10.2.1. Devices that cannot or are not updated to version 10.2.1 will not be able to access the DoE's proxy settings and therefore will not be able to access the school's wireless network. Android devices must be able to connect on all channels in the 5GHz range and must be updated to at least version 5. It is also required that the device have a large enough screen which supports students' reading. As such, a screen size of 140mm (5.5inch) or larger is preferable.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for numerous aspects of the program. This includes:

- Care of the device at, to and from the school.
- Any damage that may occur with the device through use at school.
- Charging the device at home so as the device is ready for use at school.
- Appropriate use of programs.
- Use of any anti-virus software where applicable.
- No digital images, video recordings or voice recordings taken of other people without the expressed permission of the supervising teacher.

(The school takes no responsibility for any device and/or any damage that may occur to it)



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The Use of Apps

Apps will not be downloaded at school. Notes will be sent home to have parents download Apps at home. This serves a dual purpose; parents are aware of programs being used and parents have control of what is loaded onto a device. Apps to be used will be free (where possible) and will have an educational purpose. Furthermore, apps that require an age limit of 13 years plus or that can be used to network (communicate) with others are not allowed on a device that is being used at school as the DoE's network cannot block inbound or outbound messages. Students and parents are asked to remove these Apps before the device is brought to school. Examples of these Apps include, but are not limited to, Music.ly, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook.

Agreement Form

Prior to any student being allowed to access the BYOD program, the **Student and Parent User Agreement** must be signed and returned to the school. In signing the permission form parents hereby agree with the conditions of the BYOD program.

Students not able to bring their Own Device

There may be a number of reasons why a child cannot participate in the program. If there is a concern, parents are asked to contact the school. For all students unable to participate, the same tasks will be provided in a written form so as not to disrupt student learning expectations or whenever possible a school owned iPad will be supplied.

BYOD Policy

You can access the complete Minnamurra Public School BYOD Policy document at our school website in the "Our School" section. Alternatively, you can request a printed copy from the school front office. We encourage you to read this thoroughly.