BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

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Rationale

“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.”
– John Dewey

“Today’s education system is evolving to take full advantage of the potential of mobile technology devices to inspire learning and create independent, critical thinkers.”

The introduction of a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program at The Jannali High School will empower students while providing them with direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning. At the same time, BYOD enables teachers to develop their knowledge and skills, engage students through the use of different pedagogies and enhance the learning process by involving technology in the classroom.

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very much personal. BYOD is designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

BYOD objectives

1. Enhance student engagement and digital citizenship through the use of technology
2. Provide a safe and secure learning environment to promote student technology outcomes
3. Promote pedagogies which support the development of technology skills for 21st Century learners

Student engagement

In 2014 students in Years 9 to 12 will be able to bring their own technology device to school each day. This might be a laptop, netbook, iPad, android tablet or other tablet so long as it meets the school’s Device Specifications.

Smartphones will not be considered an acceptable learning device.

Responsibilities

Each student and their parent / carer will be required to sign The Jannali High School Bring your own device “Student / Parent Agreement” that sets out how the device can be used at school.

This agreement also refers to other requirements as explained in the documents: “DEC Guidelines” and “Bring Your Own Device Specifications”. 

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Getting started

Once signed, students are required to return the “Student / Parent Agreement” to the Administration office to register their intent to participate in The Jannali High School BYOD program.

Students will then be contacted via their DEC email account and given an appointment time with the school’s Technology Support Officer (TSO), Mr. Broadbent, to authenticate their device and connect it to the DEC wireless network. Students will need to bring their technology device with them to this appointment. This will be the first day the student has permission to bring their own technology device to school.

While the TSO will be available to answer questions and provide some assistance, the school does not manage, support, own or warrant the device.

It is important that students understand that participation in the BYOD program does not give them the right to use their device in any lesson at any time without teacher permission. They still need to follow the expectations of their class teachers.

Device security

The school does not own the device, support the device or warranty the device. If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, you may wish to consider specific accidental loss and breakage insurance for the device. Every effort will be made to ensure that students are made aware of and will continue to be reminded of best practice strategies for keeping their devices safe.

Damage and loss

Students bring their devices onto the school site at their own risk. Students should protect their device by use of a protective case and padded sleeve in a backpack.

In cases of malicious damage or theft of another student’s device, existing school processes for damage to schools or another student’s property apply.

Included documents

- Student / Parent Agreement
- DEC Guidelines
- Bring Your Own Device Specifications