

## Bangor PS BYOD Policy

BYOD refers to our Bring Your Own Device program whereby students at Bangor PS are permitted to bring a personal computer device that satisfies set specifications, capable of connecting to the school's wireless network to support their learning at school and at home.

This policy applies to any student connecting a personal learning device to the Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network.

### Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to clarify what is considered acceptable and unacceptable use of student owned personal devices that are being brought to school under the '*Bring Your Own Device*' (BYOD) policy. The use of personal mobile devices at school will deepen learning, will be personalised and student-centred, and will meet the expectations of teachers, students, parents and caregivers.

### Aim

As stated in the DEC's BYOD policy, 'schools are in a position to harness students' connection to their own personal mobile devices for the purpose of developing 21st century learning skills and for fostering digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in a safe environment.

### Student Responsibilities

Prior to bringing a personal device to school, students and parents need to read, sign and abide by the '*BYOD Policy*' and return it to the class teacher. Permission, if granted will be for the current school year only.

Students are solely responsible for the care and maintenance of their BYO devices. This includes but is not limited to:

- Digital devices are to be left in the classroom during recess and lunch.
- Bringing their iPad to school fully charged. Students are responsible for managing the battery life of their device and acknowledge that Bangor PS is not responsible for charging their devices. Students should ensure that their devices are fully charged before bringing them to school. Bangor PS is not responsible for providing facilities for students to charge their device.
- Labelling their device for identification purposes.
- Purchasing and using device protective casing.
- Maintaining the operating system of their device.
- Taking insurance coverage of their own device to protect any accidental damage, theft or loss.
- Not use any electronic device to record audio or video or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission.
- Turn off SMS messaging or device instant messaging as it is not permitted during school hours.
- Use the device appropriately. Cyber-bullying will not be tolerated. Students are not permitted to use technology to harass, threaten, humiliate, intimidate, annoy or threaten any member of the school community and breaches will be subject to normal school disciplinary procedures.

- Students must only use their device when instructed by their teacher.
- Switch off any internet connection, such as 4G, YesG or NextG, and the device priority pointed to the school's wireless network. Accessing the Internet independently of the school's proxy servers (i.e. by personal ISP) is not allowed in order to ensure cyber safety.

### **Acceptable Devices**

iPad and iPad mini are the chosen devices due to their compatibility with the school wireless system and their inbuilt protections against viruses. The minimum IOS required is 10.

### **Damage and loss**

Students bring their devices onto the school site at their own risk. Bangor PS is not responsible for any theft or damage to any BYOD device. In cases of malicious damage or theft of another student's device, existing school rules for damage to schools or another student's property apply.

### **Technical Support**

NSW DEC staff are under no obligation to provide any technical support on either hardware or software.

### **Apps**

Free apps and web resources are preferred. If any paid apps are required, this needs to be discussed with the Assistant Principal, who will assess the suitability of the app. If approved, a note will be provided to parents requesting them to purchase the app.

### **Misuse and Breaches of Acceptable Use.**

Students will be aware that:

- they are held responsible for their actions while using internet and online communication services.
- they are held responsible for any breaches caused by them allowing any other person to use their e-learning account to access internet and online communication services.
- the misuse of internet and online communication services may result in disciplinary action which includes, but is not limited to, the withdrawal of access to services.
- If they are found with any inappropriate material on their device in breach of the agreement, the device may be confiscated and the matter reported to the police.
- Staff have the right to search a student's device if there is reason to believe the BYOD Policy has been violated.

The Department of Education and Communities' Online Communication policy: Acceptable Usage for School Students can be found at

[https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general\\_man/general/accep\\_use/PD20020046.shtml](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general_man/general/accep_use/PD20020046.shtml)

The DEC's Social Media Policy can be accessed here:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/technology/communication/PD20110418.shtml?query=internet>

## Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement

Students who wish to take advantage of the BYOD policy must read this agreement in the company of an adult unless otherwise excused by the principal. This page is to be signed and returned to the school. By signing at the bottom of this page students agree to the following behaviours:

I agree that my use of the Department's internet will be primarily for learning.

I agree to only ever use my own portal/internet log-in details and never share those with others.

I agree to not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the Department or my school.

I agree that I am responsible for the use of the device at school.

I agree to not use BYOD to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is; offensive, pornographic, threatening, abusive and defamatory or considered bullying behaviour.

I agree to report inappropriate behaviour and material to my teacher.

I agree to stay safe by not giving out my personal information to strangers.

I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and 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 agree that use of my device during school activities is at the direction of the teacher.

I have read the student responsibilities in the attached appendix and agree that I will abide by them.

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature

in the presence of : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name

in the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_

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