



Wellington Point State High School BYOD Information Summary

The introduction of 1:1 technology at Wellington Point State High School will provide teachers and students with a range of tools for learning that transform the way learning occurs in classrooms. Through a program that provides each student with access to their own personal technology, learners can access lesson content, exercises, research tools and multimedia as well as communicate with each other and teachers whenever they choose to from wherever they are.

Bring Your Own Device

This initiative will lead to some exciting advances as the school acknowledges the need to provide a rich, challenging and engaging learning environment for students. Members of the school's leadership team have worked with teams in other high schools to develop an approach to classroom technology that allows students to access the school's wireless network using a device that they bring from home.

This approach acknowledges the fact that many Wellington Point SHS families already own a suitable device that could be used during the school day in classrooms and allows students to access many of the benefits of a 1:1 program without the need to pay for an additional device. The immediate impact is a transformed classroom that allows students and teachers to work together using the nearly limitless content available on the internet alongside new media such as apps and digital texts as well as content developed locally by teachers.

Minimum Specifications

In order to get the most out of this initiative, it is important to ensure that students participating in the program are using comparable technology. Setting minimum specifications will allow families some choice in terms of expense while at the same time ensure that classrooms are able to work effectively. The minimum specification is outlined in the 2017 Year 10 BYOD Handbook. These requirements should mean that the device will remain viable into the foreseeable future, although families may choose to upgrade at any time. Any brand of laptop will be accepted as part of the program, however it must be noted that web-based devices such as Google Chromebooks or Linux machines will not work on the EQ network. It is also advised that all students protect their devices with a heavy duty case and ADP warrantee.

Are There Other Costs?

While there are many exciting free applications that enhance learning, the school is exploring new ways to reduce costs associated with textbooks while providing more engaging learning experiences. All Resource Hire costs for Years 10 are currently under review in light of the opportunities afforded by the BYOD platform. There will be a yearly \$50 fee associated with the connection and management of the devices included in the School Resource Scheme. A cost breakdown is outlined in the handbook. It is recommended that families explore their own options around device warranty and insurance to protect against damage or theft in the same way they would for their home and contents.

Acceptable Use

All use of technology at the school is subject to the Responsible Use Policy and the BYOD program will not differ in this regard. Students who are found to be in breach of the policy will be banned from the school network or face other disciplinary actions in line with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. More information concerning the program will be made available at information evenings.

Partners at Home

While we continue to develop new ways of engaging learners, the most important partners in ensuring student success will always be their families. Our efforts this year to explore avenues for adolescent learning are most effective when we are able to work closely with parents and carers. Over the coming months we ask that you talk with your child about the positive routines that you will establish around technology-based learning at home, especially ensuring that social media does not take the place of set assignments and homework. While technology allows new ways of learning, there is still no substitute for a self-disciplined approach to study.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this flyer, please contact Ms Penny Westcott, Head of Department eLearning.