



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the fee for BYOD in 2023?

BYOD fees for 2023 are \$50.00 which is included in the Student Resource Scheme. No separate payment is required.

Where will BYO devices be stored at school?

The school asks that students manage the storage of their personal device themselves throughout the day, however alternative arrangements are in place for a managed, secure area for students to store their device in during lessons such as sport. During curriculum classes it is an expectation that students have their device with them at all times.

How new does the device need to be?

iPad mini 4 or better. Recommended iPad 10th Gen onwards. The device must also have a battery life that lasts at least 6 hours. This ensures it will be functional during an entire school day.

The iPad specifications are 32 GB of storage or above – I have a 16GB Wi-Fi iPad which my child could use, can I send that as their BYOD?

16GB iPads have been trialled and found that before the end of Semester the device has used most of its space. This device would only be suitable if the storage space was managed regularly by parents/caregivers.

What is the process for damage that occurs to personal devices at school by other children (accidental or deliberate)?

Each individual incident needs to be investigated separately, as with any other incident in the school. Teachers will investigate the incident and students involved will be required to write their statement reporting the details of the incident. Teacher will contact parents/family to discuss the incident. As per the BYOD Information and Procedures Handbook parents are advised to have their own individual warranty and insurance arrangements.

Do I need to load the iPad Apps before school begins?

Yes, download the required Apps before school begins.

How does my child connect their device to the school's Wi-Fi?

Technicians will be able to support students with the process of connecting to the school's Wi-Fi.

Can families provide their own Internet access? Should I purchase 3G, 4G or 5G for my child?

No, students are required to access the filtered Internet provided by Education Queensland. Student access to Internet and other services will be more than adequately provided for by the school. If students have access to home Wi-Fi, when not at school, they will not require 3G, 4G or 5G Internet. If their device has 3G, 4G or 5G Internet capabilities they will be asked not to use it while at school.

Why is the Apple iPad the recommended device? Aren't cheaper tablets available?

The Apple iPad is a high quality tablet that offers excellent battery life, a wide range of suitable apps and importantly, offers excellent connectivity. We know the iPad works with the specific Wi-Fi and Internet requirements in EQ schools. It is also a stable range of tablets that only changes incrementally and specifications that we require are usually only improved. By contrast, many cheaper tablets suffer

connectivity issues, or have highly variable specifications, which is why they are not our recommended devices.

Why a tablet? Surely laptops are better?

Laptops or notebook computers are usually higher powered and capable of running more powerful software, but they are usually more costly if they are of comparable quality to an iPad. They have a shorter battery life, they are heavier for students to carry, and the applications are usually more expensive. The iPad offers acceptable productivity applications as well and has a very wide range of other apps that make it a useful device in the classroom.

Do students need to bring a high-end PC device if they are doing Technology, Computing Art or Music?

No, the School will continue to provide subject specific desktop hardware and software for relevant subjects.

Will my child require their own iTunes account to purchase apps for learning?

No they may use your iTunes account.

Will my child's device be covered by the school's insurance?

No, parents are encouraged to refer to their home and contents policies to ensure that their child's device is covered while at school, or purchase separate insurance for the device.

Will my child be able to access the school's network when not at school?

No, EQ does not allow students to access their school server space from outside the EQ network.

How will teachers be able to monitor my child from playing games during classes?

Whether a student is on-task and engaged in their learning or whether they are off-task and playing games falls under the theme of classroom management and student engagement. In a well-managed classroom, with the right tasks, student engagement is enhanced.

Will students be able to access Facebook in class?

No the EQ Internet filter blocks Facebook, Tik Tok, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube for student accounts.

Can my child use digital texts in place of hard copy versions?

This will be a matter of student personal choice, manageability of classroom equipment and text availability in digital form. If a digital text version is available for a specified text, and is compatible with the device type, students will be able to use e-books at their discretion.

What about children's writing skills? Won't they still need to write for examinations?

Yes, students will still be expected to hand write during normal teaching and learning processes. Students will also be expected to maintain a class workbook for most subject areas.

How will my child's development in literacy be affected by their having increased access to digital resources?

Student personal devices will increase the opportunity for student development of information literacy. Literacy will continue to be a primary focus at school. With the right use of the devices in teaching and learning, student development in literacy will be enhanced.

If you need further help or have questions, please contact us at BYOD@wellingtonpointshs.eq.edu.au