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BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) – Year 4, 5, 6

Policy and Permission Note

Rationale

Students in year 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring a device to school to support their learning in the classroom. 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 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy.

Aim

As stated in the Department of Education'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.'*

Acceptable Devices

Suitable devices include iPads and android tablets. Students and teachers have the most success with iPads as these work well on our Wi-Fi network, have inbuilt protection against viruses and have a longer battery life, but any device is acceptable. If families are considering buying an iPad, Apple offers discounted prices for students.

Registration of Devices

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. Consequences for breach of the agreement will be determined by the principal and may include banning a student from bringing their device to school.

Acceptable Usage (The Role of Parents/Students)

- Internet access should only be through the school's wireless network, which will be provided to students free of charge.
- The use of devices to make phone calls and send texts is unacceptable.
- Taking photos, videos or recording voice of any individual or group is not allowed without the permission of all of the individuals being recorded and after permission from the teacher.
- Devices are to be left in the classroom during recess and lunch.
- Devices should not be used on school grounds, before or after school.
- Students are responsible for bringing their devices to school fully charged and clearly labelled for identification.
- Devices can be charged at school at a designated place in the classroom.
- At no stage will the school be liable for any damage or loss and parents and students must take full responsibility for devices at all times. It is advised that parents take out suitable insurance for these devices.
- Students must only use their device when instructed by their teacher.
- Students agree to only access school appropriate content on their devices while at school.
- Due to copyright, content is not to be transferred to other devices or the school's computer network.
- Students will not hack or bypass software security.
- Students with an iPad are advised to turn on *Find my iPad* which will help locate the device if it goes missing.

Acceptable Usage (The Role of Teachers/Staff)

- Staff will take a 'hands-off' approach to student devices and provide guides only. Teachers are not expected to repair any student devices.
- Teachers can set up a charging station with a power-board for students to charge their devices.
- Staff have the right to search a student's device if there is reason to believe the BYOD Policy has been violated.
- Staff will ensure students abide by the school's BYOD Policy.
- Devices will be used to support the teaching and learning program in class.
- Breaches of the policy will be reported to the Principal in a timely manner.
- When a teacher is absent, if explicit instructions have been left for the casual teacher to use BYOD with students, this is permitted. 'Free play' of student devices when a teacher is absent is not acceptable.

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After reading the policy, please sign and return this slip to your child's teacher.

My child's device is: _____

Parent name & signature: _____ Date: _____

Student name & signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher name & signature: _____ Date: _____