



Dapto Public School

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

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In a changing and technological world, Dapto Public School aims to provide students with interfaces in education that encourage students to understand the benefits that technology can bring to an individual's life. The BYOD program allows each student to have their own device with which they can work. Devices are used to enhance learning for all students and support existing classroom practices.

Within this program, students will continue to write and read printed material. However, there will be a balance of learning through technology.

Device Requirements

Students are able to connect to the Dapto Public School's Wireless network using Android tablets, iPads, Chromebooks, Mac Laptops and Windows Laptops/Tablets. Each of these devices must comply with minimum operating system standards to ensure their successful connection to the network (refer to BYOD Standards Guide). Through connection to the DoE's network students will have protections against inappropriate sites which will assist in the control of what students can access. The device is not to be 3G or 4G active as this allows connections to external sources. (If the device does have this capability the SIM card needs to be removed).

It is also recommended that the device has a screen of 9.7 inch or larger to support student reading and an external keyboard for the developing typing skills.

Student Responsibilities

Students are responsible for numerous aspects of the program. This includes:

- Care of the device at, to and from the school.
- Care of the device at the school and any damage that may occur to the device.
- Charging the device at home so the device is ready for use at school.
- Appropriate use of programs.
- Use of any anti-virus software.
- No digital images of other people whilst at school.

(The school takes no responsibility for any BYO Device and/or any damage that may occur)

The Use of Apps

Apps will not be downloaded at school. Notes will be sent home to have parents download apps at home. This serves a dual purpose; parents are aware of programs being used and parents have control of what is installed onto a device. Apps to be used will be free and will have an educational purpose.

Agreement Form

Prior to any student being allowed to access the BYOD program the agreement must be signed and returned to the school. In signing the permission form, parents and students agree with the conditions of the program.

Students not able to bring their Own Device

There may be a number of reasons why a child cannot participate in the program. If there is a concern, parents are asked to contact the school. For all students unable to participate, the same tasks will be provided in a written form so as not to disrupt student learning expectations.

Appendix A – BYOD Standards Guide
Appendix B – BYOD Agreement letter
Appendix C – Sample Apps letter to parents