



## ***Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy***

### **Rationale**

The centrally driven and supported model for the supply of technology resources in education is no longer a model which can meet the demands of teachers and students. Oak Flats Public School values the rich learning experiences that tightly integrated interactions with technology brings. The promotion and advancement of this integration is core to the school's educational philosophies. By facilitating Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Oak Flats Public School empowers its students and gives them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning. At the same time, BYOD enables teachers to build on their experiences in the previous centrally-delivered model and adapt to this new BYOD environment without losing the core technological capabilities on which they have been able to rely.

### **Objectives**

1. To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by students in Stage 3 for use in their education.
2. To provide a safe environment for students to manage, access and use their device.
3. To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility.
4. To enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.
5. To provide a basis on which Oak Flats Public School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.
6. To provide an opportunity for students to understand the value of their devices and how to use them appropriately.

### **Responsibilities**

#### **Students and Parents/Carers**

- All students in Stage 3 are expected to bring a computing device to school each day.
- Students may bring their device from the start of Term 1, 2016.
- Families of students entering the school in Stage 3 will receive specific information to support the provision of a device.
- Students are expected to bring their device to school fully charged and ready for use. Charging facilities will not be provided, due to the use of power cords being a Work Health and Safety issue.
- This device must be a personal device of student's and parent's/carer's own choosing and ownership which meets the Device Specification.
- The personal device must be able to be brought to school on each and every school day and be solely the student's to use throughout the school day.
- Students and Parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the Device Specification. A device which does not meet the specification will not be permitted access to school networks and services.
- Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the BYOD Student/Parent Agreement, which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device at Oak Flats Public School.

- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's Student Welfare, Discipline and Anti-Bullying Policies, the Department of Education and Communities' policy Online Communication Services: Acceptable Use for Students (PD/2002/0046/V04) and the BYOD Student/Parent Agreement.
- All students will be expected to follow the Oak Flats Public School Code of Conduct and Code of Excellence in the use of their device.
- Students must follow teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class.
- Each student is absolutely and solely responsible for the care and conduct of his own personal device whilst at school or at other school activities and while travelling to and from school or to and from other school activities.
- Students must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by Oak Flats Public School using their own, individual user account credentials only. Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular.
- Students using internet and online communication services have the responsibility to report inappropriate behaviour and material to their teacher.
- Students who use the internet and online communication services provided by the NSW Department of Education and Communities must abide by the Department's conditions of acceptable usage. They should be made aware of the acceptable usage policy each time they log on.

#### **Teachers**

- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of students' devices in their classes where they deem appropriate. Use of students' own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers should follow standard procedures in case a student fails to bring their device, in the same manner as if a student fails to bring any other required material to class.
- Teachers should follow standard discipline procedures in the case of use of the device that does not follow the Department of Education and Communities conditions of acceptable usage.

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- Provide a BYOD Student/Parent Agreement to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program.
- Ensure a copy of the BYOD Student/Parent Agreement is signed by each student and their parents prior to allowing the student's device to be brought to school.
- Publish a Device Specification that describes the requirements for devices brought to school pursuant to the BYOD program.
- Provide a wireless network with filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their BYOD program device.
- Provide support to assist students with first bringing their device to school and establishing network connectivity with the BYOD program device.
- Accept no responsibility for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair required on a student's own device through any act or omission resulting from the negligence or otherwise of the school, a member of the school staff or of another student.