



BYOD FAQs

BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do students need to bring their devices to school each day?

A: This will be negotiated with the classroom teacher – taking into account sport days, assemblies etc.

Q: Can my child bring their iPad to school for the BYOD Trial?

A: At this stage, iPads are not being considered for the BYOD program, due to the devices limitations. Many of the programs being used require Adobe Flash (eg study ladder), Adobe Programs are not fully supported (Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Elements) and printing and publishing is often problematic.

Q: Can my child bring a mobile phone to school?

A: We understand that students sometimes need to bring mobile phones to school for safety reasons. However, mobile phones will not be accepted as an appropriate device for the BYOD program.

Q: Can my child's device be charged at school?

A: Charging devices will not be allowed at school. Please ensure that devices are fully charged before bringing into school (charge the night before). It is recommended that devices have at least 5 hours battery supply without having to be recharged.

Q: What software will my child's device require?

A: The device must have Google Chrome browser as it is the preferred browser when using Google Apps and one other browser (eg. Internet Explorer). All DEC students are eligible to download and license the Microsoft Office and Adobe software for free. Students will also need to access Google Apps from their student portal. Please visit our school website for full details of how to download software and access Google Apps.

Q: What about Cybersafety. Will there be an internet filter applied when the device is used at school?

A: The students will be using their DoE username and password to access the NSW Department of Education filtered internet service (the same way they currently access the internet at school). All students are taught Cybersafety by their classroom teacher as part of the PDHPE curriculum. Students are reminded not to share usernames and password and to inform an adult immediately if they feel bullied, unsafe or uncomfortable.

Q: Where will the devices be stored once they at school?

A: The devices will only be used within the classroom whilst at school. Students will not be able to use their devices in the playground and during breaks and the devices will be locked within the classroom.

Q: What should my child know about travelling to school?

A: Whilst travelling to school, students should leave their devices in their bag and never leave their bag unattended. If travelling by bus, it is recommended that students rest their bag on their laps, rather than leaving their bag in the aisle where they are at risk of being damaged.

Q: What if my child's device is lost or damaged?

A: Any damage or loss to a device that a student brings to school will be the students responsibility. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. Families may choose to consider purchasing insurance and / or extended warranty for the device.

Q: What if I do not want my child to participate in the BYOD program in 2017?

The BYOD program at Wamberal Public School is an optional program, therefore participation is not compulsory. If a student does not bring a device to school, they will have access to school owned devices and will fully participate in all classroom activities. The aim of the BYOD program is to cater to the parents and students within the school that would like a BYOD option to be available.