

Bring Your Own Device Policy

Policy Date

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Rationale

The introduction of a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) program at Sylvania High School will empower students while providing them with direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning.

At the same time, BYOD enables teachers to develop their knowledge and skills, engage students through the use of different pedagogies and enhance the learning process by involving technology in the classroom.

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very much personal. BYOD is designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

BYOD objectives

1. Enhance student engagement and digital citizenship through the use of technology
2. Provide a safe and secure learning environment to promote student technology outcomes
3. Promote pedagogies which support the development of technology skills for 21st Century learners

Student engagement

In 2015 students in Years 7 to 12 will be able to bring their own technology device to school each day. This might be a laptop, netbook, iPad, android tablet or other tablet so long as it meets the school’s BYOD Device Specifications.

Smartphones will not be considered an acceptable learning device.

Responsibilities

Each student and their parent / carer will be required to sign the Sylvania High School Bring Your Own Device “Student / Parent Agreement” that sets out how the device can be used at school.

This agreement also refers to other requirements as explained in the documents: “DEC Guidelines” and “Bring Your Own Device Specifications”.

Getting started

Once signed, students are required to return the “Student / Parent Agreement” to the Administration office to register their intent to participate in the Sylvania High School BYOD program.

Students do not have permission to bring their own technology device to school until they have returned the “Student / Parent Agreement” to the Administration office.

Sylvania High School will publish network connection guidelines in Moodle for a number of the common BYOD devices for students to use when connecting their device to our network. However, **even if the device appears to meet all hardware and software specifications** it may not connect to this school's wireless network. We cannot guarantee that connection will be successful

Sylvania High School currently employs a TSO, Mr Geoff Broadbent, for one day per week. While the TSO will be available to answer questions and provide some limited assistance, the school does not manage, support, own or warrant the device or its connection to our network.

It is important that students understand that participation in the BYOD program does not give them the right to use their device in any lesson at any time without teacher permission. They still need to follow the expectations of their class teachers.

Device security

The school does not own the device, support the device or warranty the device. If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, you may wish to consider specific accidental loss and breakage insurance for the device. Every effort will be made to ensure that students are made aware of and will continue to be reminded of best practice strategies for keeping their devices safe.

Damage and loss

Students bring their devices onto the school site at their own risk. Students should protect their device by use of a protective case and padded sleeve in a backpack.

In cases of malicious damage or theft of another student's device, existing school processes for damage to schools or another student's property apply.

Included documents

- Student / Parent Agreement
- DEC Guidelines
- Bring Your Own Device Specifications