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Bring Your Own Device Program **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Do I have to purchase a device for my child?

A. No. Please see the below statement from the Education Department Website.

"If you do not to participate in the school's preferred model for purchasing or leasing a device, your school must make sure your child is not treated differently or denied access to standard learning programs. Your school must provide access to a school-owned device during school hours, if they are essential to the learning program and other students are using their own devices"

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/devices.aspx>

Q. Why are we requested to purchase our own devices?

A. The college is no longer receiving funding to support the up-grade and continual purchase of netbooks. Research also shows that BYOD programs enable students to purchase devices that best suit their individual needs. It improves student digital literacy through familiarity of use.

There is greater potential for families to provide their child with a more effective device than what the school could offer to support student learning.

Q. My family cannot afford to purchase a device. How can my child still access one?

A. The College allows students to loan a netbook from the library using their School ID card.

Q. Can I purchase the college netbook my child already has?

A. No, the College needs all netbooks to be returned to support all students in the BYOD program. We cannot guarantee the reliability and longevity of the current netbooks. The netbooks need ongoing maintenance, due to their age and condition, which we cannot expect families to absorb.

Q. How long can I borrow a netbook for?

A. Students can loan the netbook for 1 month at a time. The borrow time will be reviewed in second semester.

Q. Can I save my work on the borrowed netbook?

A. No you will need to purchase a USB and save your work to this or you can save to a Cloud service such as google drive. Your teacher can support you with this

Q. What do I do once I have purchased my own device?

A. 2016: Read and sign the Acceptable Use Agreement and bring it with your device to the Technical team in C wing.
2017: Read and sign the Acceptable Use Agreement and bring it with your device to the Book collection day on January 25th, 2017. Technicians will be available to connect computers to the College network. Further dates and times will be offered to students in the 2017 school year.

Q. What do I do if my device is not working?

A. Refer to your Acceptable Use agreement. The technical team will be able to provide support and guidance on any concerns. Please note that hardware and software are the responsibility of the user.

Q. How can you ensure my device is safe at the College?

A. All students are given a locker and are expected to provide a lock to keep all of their items safe. Students are expected to adhere to the College ACE behaviours and only touch their locker. As per the Acceptable Use Agreement, students are responsible for 'carrying their device in an appropriate protective case at all times'

Q. Why is the College not insuring all students' devices?

A. The School Equipment Coverage Scheme excludes 'personal items of students or staff' therefore devices purchased by families will not be covered.

Q. Am I expected to insure my child's device?

A. This is an individual family decision.

Q. What happens if my child is not using the device correctly?

A. As per the Acceptable Use Agreement

- know that some online activities are illegal and as such we are required to report this to the appropriate authority
- Students' devices may be confiscated if the College has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement, or in the event of inappropriate use of the device.
- Students using their device in breach of the BYOD Student Agreement may face consequences including, but not limited to, temporary or permanent removal from the BYOD program.
- Student Support Group meetings will be held with families to discuss the breach of the agreement.

Q. What happens with the \$200 Netbook Service Agreement I paid?

A. As per the Netbook Service Agreement, 70% of unused funds in the Service Agreement will be refunded to you. The refund will be credited to your school account once the process is completed. If you would like alternative arrangements, please contact the College by completing the attached request form.

Q. What does the Netbook Amnesty mean?

A. It means all netbooks can be returned by the 25th of November and not incur fees in regards to accidental damage and repairs that may be needed.

Q. I know nothing about technology. I need help in purchasing the right device for my child. Who can I get help from?

A. The College has provided families with suggested specifications that can be handed to retailers to support your purchase requirements. You can contact the College and speak to John Thompson, Ray Hart and Tony Crawford to discuss your needs and who can answer any technical questions.

Q. My child states they never use their netbook in classes, why should I buy them one?

A. As a college we are focusing on 21st Century learning and all teachers are evolving their practice in the use of technology. This is an ongoing process.

Examples of use in the classroom:

- Maths Pathways
- Learning Tasks / assessments and organisation through Compass
- Flipped Learning
- Tools required for real-time collaboration
- Use of Office tools
- E-mail
- New Digital Technologies curriculum (starting for Year 7 next year)

If you have any further questions please contact the College on 03 5871 1700 or you can e-mail on cobram.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au and put BYOD in the subject area.