

'Bring Your Own Device' 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. Sydney Boys High 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), Sydney Boys High 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 heterogeneous BYOD environment without losing the core technological capabilities on which they have been able to rely.

References

- i. Cyber Safety Policy
- ii. Discipline Policy
- iii. BYOD User Charter
- iv. *Online Communication Services: Acceptable Use for Students (PD/2002/0046/V04)*

Objectives

1. To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by *all* students in Years 7 - 12 for use in their education.
2. To provide a safe environment for students to further Objective 1.
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 Sydney Boys High School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.

Actions

(A) Students and Parents/Carers

- All students in Years 7 - 12 are expected to bring a computing device to school each day.
 - Students may bring their device from the start of Term 1.
 - Families of students entering the school in Year 7 will receive specific information to support the transition to high school.
- This device must be:
 - An assigned device supplied pursuant to the Digital Education Revolution program, or
 - A personal device of student'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.
- Students requiring the use of an alternate device, for medical or therapeutic reasons, which does not meet the Device Specification must apply for and receive an exemption from the Specification before bring such a device. The application should state the reason for the request for exemption.
- Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the **BYOD User Charter** which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device at Sydney Boys High School.

- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's Cyber Safety Policy, the Department of Education and Communities' policy *Online Communication Services: Acceptable Use for Students* (PD/2002/0046/V04) and the **BYOD User Charter**.
- 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
 - 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 Sydney Boys High School using their own, individual user account credentials only. Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular. Students must not bridge the Sydney Boys High School designated network to any other network.

(B) 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 discipline 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.

(C) Sydney Boys High School

Sydney Boys High School will:

- Maintain a **BYOD Equity Policy** to ensure all students, no matter their family's financial means, have access to the computing resources, inside and outside of class time, that are required by their coursework.
- Provide a **BYOD User Charter** to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program.
- Ensure a copy of the **BYOD User Charter** 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. This Device Specification may include requirements for devices specifications that go to:
 - Size or form factor
 - Network connectivity
 - Operating system and standard software
 - Input method
 - Security measures
 - Battery runtime
 - Other device feature or software requirements determined by the school
- 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.
- Should a student's device fail to meet a requirement of the **Device Specification**, the school will not facilitate the student's access to any network or school services. The school may direct a student to cease bringing a device to school which does not meet all the requirements of the Device Specification.