

# **St Andrew's Catholic Primary School**

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

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School recognises the importance of technology in assisting students with their learning. The promotion of technology is fundamental to the school's educational philosophies.

By implementing Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at St Andrew's CPS it will assist students in developing digital literacy, fluency and citizenship while preparing them for the technologically diverse world in which they will live, learn and work. It will empower students and give them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning. It will also allow teachers to continue to employ technology in the classroom while building on the experiences gained in the previously supported model.

### **Objectives**

1. To allow all student in Years 5 and 6 to access their own devices at school
2. To provide a safe environment in which students can achieve Objective 1
3. To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility
4. To enable students to use technology to enhance their learning
5. To provide the opportunity for teachers to continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class
6. To teach students essential digital citizenship skills (e.g. netiquette, cyber safety) in preparation for high school and beyond.

### **Actions**

#### **(1) Students and Parents/Carers**

- Students may bring their own devices to school and may access the school's Wi-Fi network.
- The device must meet the device specifications as outlined by the school.  
Appropriate (Ipad, Ipad mini are preferred) - (Tablets - Samsung, Acer, Lenovo, etc)  
Not Appropriate - (Laptops, netbooks, ipods, iphones / phablets)
- A device which does not meet the device specifications will not be permitted to access school networks and services
- The school will provide internet access at no cost to students enrolled in the school
- Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices, including data protection and battery charging.
- Students and their parent/caregiver must read and sign the BYOD User Agreement which sets out the responsibilities and expectations relating to the use of personal devices.
- Students must follow teachers' directions as to the appropriate use of their devices in class.

## **(2) Teachers**

- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of students' devices in their classrooms where they deem appropriate. Use of students' own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers will be responsible for supervising students in the safe use of devices online.
- Teachers will not be expected to provide technical support for students' devices or operating systems.

## **(3) St Andrew's Catholic Primary School**

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School will:

- Not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student's device. Students who bring their own devices onto school sites do so at their own risk.
- Not provide hardware or technical support for devices.
- Maintain a BYOD Equity Policy to ensure all students have access to computing resources.
- Maintain a pool of devices for the use of students who do not have access to their own device.
- Provide a BYOD Student Agreement to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student.
- Ensure a copy of the BYOD Student Agreement is signed by each student and their parent/ caregiver.
- Publish a device specification that outlines the requirements of the BYOD program devices, including but not limited to:- Form factor - Physical dimensions - Network connectivity - Operating system - Processor - Battery life
- Provide a wireless network with filtered internet connection to which students may connect their personal device.

Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains inappropriate data which breaches the BYOD Agreement, staff may temporarily confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary action may also be appropriate.

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## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Equity Policy

### **Rationale:**

St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, like all BYOD programs in an education setting, inherently imposes a financial cost on students and their families by requiring them to supply a device. At the same time, the St Andrew's CPS BYOD program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. St Andrew's CPS takes seriously the role of education in ensuring that all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOD Equity Policy is to establish the framework for the BYOD program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their family's' financial means.

### **Objectives:**

1. To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by all students in Years 5 and 6 for use in their education.
2. To ensure equity in the BYOD program and its implementation.
3. To ensure all students have access to appropriate technological resources in their classes.
4. To provide a framework through which family requests for assistance can be managed fairly and consistently.

### **Actions:**

#### **(A)** St Andrew's CPS will:

1. a. Endeavour to provide appropriate technology resources to all students through the digital wireless network, computer labs and classroom resources for printing.  
b. Ensure the BYOD Program's Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in capability and cost are suitable.
2. Provide some devices for students who cannot afford to purchase their own device through the loan of a School Owned Device during class time.
3. Provide prioritised access to digital devices for families who cannot purchase a BYOD device.

#### **(B)** Students and Parents/Carers

There are 2 options available:

1. Consider your options for the purchase or lease of equipment that meets the Device Specification.
2. For families who do not provide a device themselves the following would apply:
  - Access to desktop computers in the computer lab or classroom during class time.
  - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular lesson or activity where practical.
  - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day where practical.