Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) – Ballina Coast High School

Ballina Coast High School values the rich learning experiences that tightly integrated interactions with technology bring. The placing of a computing device in the hands of each student enables many of our teachers to radically change the way they approach lessons. The class of 2022 will be using technology regularly to access lesson material, create content and maintain a digital portfolio.

What is BYOD?

- Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD, is a technological trend in education and in the corporate world.
- BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very much personal.
- BYOD acknowledges technology in education means more than meeting specific curriculum requirements.
- BYOD is designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

How does it work?

- In 2017 all students are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day.
- We are making recommendations as to the model of device you may choose to bring.
- Or, if you have a strong technical background, there may be something of your own choosing that meets our **Device Specification** that you choose to bring.
- > There is also some software that you must have on the device.
- > In most cases there are free options for software.

What type of device can we bring?

- > A range of devices in a range of price categories meet the **Device Specification**.
- > You should carefully consider all your options for purchase and lease/rent-to-buy.
- > Consider also that a good quality device could comfortably last four years.
- Some of the Device Specification requirements are quite particular. If you choose one of our recommended devices, you won't have to worry about whether it ticks all the requirements. Additionally, it's possible you already own or use a device which meets the Device Specification, in which case just bring that.

I'm concerned about the costs

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may last from Year 7 to Year 10 and viewed over 4 years the expense is considerably less.

- School Locker (Harvey Norman Centre, Ballina) have provided a list of devices with payment options. School Locker provide a loyalty program. To assist the school please enquire about the program if you choose to purchase from School Locker.
- > Your investment allows the school to maximise learning outcomes for all students.
- We are committed to our obligations as a public education institution to deliver the same learning outcomes to all our students no matter their families' financial means.
- > The school will have a bank of laptops that may be used at school.

Following is a table with recommended specifications for Bring Your Own Devices

Device Type	<u>Base level</u> Laptop Device Requirements	<u>Recommended</u> Laptop Device Requirements
Operating System	Windows 8	Windows 10
Wireless Connection Range	** 802.11n <u>5GHz</u>	
Minimum Screen Size	11"	13" +
RAM	2 GB	4 GB
Minimum Battery Life	6 hours	
Storage Capacity	256GB	500GB
Recommended Accessories	Protective Case Personal Earphones	
Recommended	Up to Date Antivirus Protection Accidental Loss and Breakage Insurance	

**** IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The DEC wireless network installed in high schools only operates on the **802.11n 5GHz** standard. **Devices without this standard <u>will not</u> be able to connect to the Department internet.** Make sure you ask this question before you buy a device for BYOD: "The NSW Department of Education has a 5GHz (n) wireless network that uses a full range of channels. Will this device connect on all channels in the 5GHz range?"

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