Bring Your Own Device Policy
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Rationale

The one to one laptop structure of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program is no longer a model which can meet the demands of teachers and students. Asquith Boys High School values the strong learning experiences that integrated interactions with technology brings. The improvement of this integration is central to the school's educational values.

By enabling Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Asquith 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 from the DER program and adapt to this new diverse BYOD environment without losing the core technological proficiencies on which they have been able to rely.

References

i. Cyber Safety Policy
ii. Discipline Policy
iii. BYOD User Charter

Objectives

1. To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by all students in Years 9 - 12 for use in their education.
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 further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.
5. To provide a basis on which Asquith 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 encouraged to bring a computing device to school each day.

- This device must be:
  - An assigned device supplied by the DER program,
    - Students with DER devices must bring them unless the device the student brings has the same or better access to standard software
  - A personal device of the student's own choosing and ownership which meets the Device Specifications.
• It is recommended that the device is 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 Specifications. A device which does not meet the Specifications will not be permitted access to school networks and services due to incompatibility restrictions.

• Students requiring the use of an alternate device, for medical or therapeutic reasons, which does not meet the Device Specifications must apply for and receive an exemption from the Specifications 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 Asquith Boys High School.

• Students must use their device in accordance with the school’s Cyber Safety Policy, the Department of Education and Communities’ (DEC) 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:
  o at school or at other school activities
  o 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 Asquith Boys High School using their own, individual DEC user account credentials only (no TAFE accounts). Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular. Students must not bridge the Asquith Boys High School designated network to any other network.
  o Warning: connection to other networks is impossible to police and will result in students gaining access to unfiltered internet. Parents are encouraged not to supply devices with cellular connections e.g. 3G, 4G

(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.

• The general method of delivery of information will be ‘pen and paper’. BYOD will be used to enhance research, provide additional options for completing assignments and to develop student technical skills.
Asquith Boys High School

Asquith Boys High School will:

- 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 Specifications** that describes the requirements for devices brought to school. This Device Specification may include requirements for devices specifications such as:
  - 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 device.

- Provide support to assist students with establishing network connectivity with the BYOD device.
  - No other technical support should be expected from school staff

- Provide additional technology to assist students who do not have access to BYOD technology:
  - 3 general purpose computer labs
  - 2 general purpose mobile computer labs
  - 2 subject specific computer labs
  - Interactive technology in 80%+ of classrooms

- Provide online environments such as Moodle and Edmodo to allow students with BYOD devices to receive and submit work.

- 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 Specifications**, 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 Specifications.

- Will not provide printing, or backup facilities for BYOD devices.