Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) Policy

Purpose

Technology is an integral part of life, and this is no less true in education. At Buds Public School we are dedicated to a learning environment that gives access to appropriate technology in order to enhance learning, unlock potential and connect students locally and globally. We ensure that all students and staff have access to high-speed internet in all areas of the school and they should bring a device of their own to access this.

This policy applies to any device that is not school owned or supplied, and is used to access the school wireless network. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines and procedures when students use their own devices in school, to ensure safe use and the integrity of the BPS network.

This Policy has been designed to ensure that all members of the school community are given the opportunity to develop the necessary digital literacy skills to thrive in the digital age.

How Does BYOD Support Learning?

Student-centred learning is a key value of our School and BYOD helps support this philosophy by giving students more opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and to develop the attributes of the CBSE Learner Profile. The use of BYOD supports key contemporary learning skills including:

- Accessing, filtering and processing information
- Planning and organizing
- Making choices and decisions
- Facing challenges and problem solving
- Risk-taking and overcoming challenges
- Collaborating and sharing
- Communicating
- Being creative and innovative
- Reflecting

Which Devices Are Suitable For BYOD?

The devices of choice at Buds Public School are as follows:

- Suitable Tablet/iPad
- Suitable Laptop/MacBook

Are There Restrictions On The Use Of My Device?

The use of a personal device in the school is for instructional use only and at the teacher's discretion. In addition, the wireless access is for internet use only, and users will not have access to other school systems or printers. Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules and policies.

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Will I Receive Technical Support?

All students will be given the necessary help and guidance to set up passwords and access the internet. However, due to the large number of devices in the school, maintenance and technical support is the responsibility of the user.

BYOD Partnership Agreement

In order to be eligible for the BYOD Programme, parents and students must agree to the terms and conditions as follows:

- Students are solely responsible for the safety, security, loss or damage of their device. The school will not be held responsible for student devices.
- Devices should only be used for learning purposes, as instructed by the teacher. Using the device in a way that disrupts the learning of others will not be tolerated.
- Users must power off and put away personal devices if directed to do so by teachers or school administration.
- Users must abide by all BPS school policies when using their own devices.
- Users are responsible for the use of their personal device on the BPS network at all times.
- The school is unable to support any technical issues and/or upgrades of the device.
- Users should practice caution when allowing others to access their personal device. All liabilities remain with the user.
- It is expected that students arrive at school with their devices fully charged.
- It is expected that apps are downloaded at home and that App Store/ Google Play accounts are not accessed in school, to protect parents and students financially.
- The use of private 3G, 4G (LTE) and/or 5G wireless connections is not permitted. In school students should only connect to the internet via the school WIFI.
- The use of a device to threaten the sense of security or well-being of others will not be tolerated on or off campus.

Failure to adhere to the partnership agreement may result in the student being removed from the BYOD programme.

We recommend that parents ensure that devices are fully insured, serial numbers are recorded and where possible tracking/ location software is used.

Effective and revision dates

This policy is effective from April 2026 and will be reviewed in March 2027. I, the undersigned, have read and understood this policy.

Name of Student	Grade	Signature
Name of Parent	Date	Signature

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