

BYOD Information for 2021

Bring Your Own Device

There is increasing awareness of the need to equip our students with a skill set that befits the emerging technological future. Teachers and students face the challenge of using technology to its potential and therefore St Clare's implemented a BYOD Policy in 2016. This will affect the students enrolling in Year 7 for 2021.

St Clare's is committed to providing the highest standard of education to our students. We recognise the need to have innovative learning environments and virtual environments to meet the learning needs of our students and prepare them for the future. We believe that the addition of a personal device will be an important learning tool for our students.

FAQ'S

What is BYOD?

BYOD is a program whereby students will be able to bring a familiar personal device to school to use as their primary technological device. The school can provide the ability to connect compatible devices to a filtered internet service.

What will be provided by the school?

The school will provide access to a filtered Wi-Fi internet service.

No other support, software or service will be provided by the school, with the exception of Microsoft Student Advantage offered by the Catholic Schools Office.

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the student/family.

WHY WE RECOMMEND A TABLET DEVICE?

Learning does not just involve one way of using information, or of engaging with technology. Powerful learning requires the use of numbers, videos, audio, typing, drawing, writing, sketching, painting, touching... the list goes on. Until the Tablet PC with digitized stylus was introduced to schools, teachers have been seriously restricted in the tasks and challenges they could work with students on, because they had to conform to a set of keys and a mouse / mousepad to interact with the machine. The pedagogical potential of a Tablet PC with a digital pen and multi-touch screen is far greater than mobile, slate or laptop combined.

Although it has the best of each of the other form factors, the pen exponentially multiplies the potential of what teachers and students can achieve. (Travis Smith- Expanding Learning Horizons)



REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The IT Specialist Staff have considered the needs of students and staff and what is necessary for the BYOD devices to best meet the needs of the students in terms of teaching and learning. The recommended specifications are as follows:

REQUIREMENTS

Form Factor	The tablet must have a PHYSICAL KEYBOARD and preferably an ACTIVE DIGITIZER STYLUS PEN (Laptop devices will not have this option.)
Physical Features	Minimum Screen Size of 10" (Inch) TOUCH SCREEN (Max.15")
	Camera (Front and Rear best) Minimum 4Gb Ram with 8Gb preferred. Minimum of 64Gb Hard Disk Drive with 128Gb.
Operating System	Windows 10 Home or higher. (Windows 10s is not recommended) Apple devices may not offer the same level of integration on the diocesan network and little support can be offered.
Battery Life	Advertised Minimum of 8 hours (the longer the better)
Wireless Capability	802.11a/b/g/n/ac (to connect to the Diocesan network at school)
Warranties and Insurance	Minimum 2 year warranty of devices. We recommend you seek insurance for your investment.
Software	Office 365 is available free to all students at St Clare's whilst ever they are enrolled.

Parents are free to purchase a device to best suit their child provided they meet the minimum specifications recommended by the school.

Warranty and Insurance

A school is a busy, bustling place where many people are moving about. Sometimes things are damaged, often not intentionally, but things can go wrong. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that parents investigate insurance and warranty for devices. It will be expectation that students always have devices available for learning.

Rental/ Flexi Rent

Many Retailers offer an option to FLEXI RENT the device. Therefore parents pay a nominal fee to rent the device for a period of Time. After that point, parents can either purchase the device, or elect to rent a new device.

If this cost causes you concern, please make an appointment to meet with the Principal.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

JANUARY 2021: Students begin school with their new devices.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021: Training Sessions for Students at school.

If you are still experiencing difficulties, please feel free to contact the school for more advice.
(02) 65523300.