



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to School

Bring your own device (BYOD) is where students use their own devices for the purposes of learning at school. The recommended devices for school are **Windows Laptops, Windows Tablet, Apple MacBook or iPads**.

Device Requirements:

Device	Operating System	Software				
		Web Browser	Word Processing	Presentation	Spreadsheet	PDF Reader
 Windows Laptop or Tablet	Microsoft Windows 10	IE11 or newer, Chrome	Microsoft Word	Microsoft Powerpoint	Microsoft Excel	Adobe Reader
 Apple MacBook	MacOS 10.13 (High Sierra) or newer	Safari, Chrome	Microsoft Word	Microsoft Powerpoint	Microsoft Excel	Adobe Reader
iPad	Apple iOS 11 or newer	Safari, Chrome	Google Docs	Google Slides	Google Sheets	Adobe Reader app

All devices must have:

- Wireless Compatibility:** Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support to gain access to the Internet at school. This may be advertised as:
 - Wi-Fi 6
 - 802.11ac
 - 802.11agn
 - Dual Band Wireless
 - 802.11abgn
 - Gigabit Wireless.
- Battery Life:** Advertised battery life of at least six hours.

Note:

- A physical keyboard attachment with separate keys is recommended for Tablets.
- Recommended screen size between 11" – 14" (screen size larger than 14" is too heavy and large to be safely carried around)
- It is important that students keep their passwords up-to-date and current to be able to access their BYOD devices and their DoE school portal, email, GSuite and MSOffice365.

The department and the school do not endorse any particular brands or devices and parents are advised to carefully consider all their options for purchase and lease/rent-to-buy. Smaller tablet devices may be half the price of a larger sized laptop. Purchase of a brand new device is not essential as students may already have a device or may be able to acquire a second-hand device that is suitable. In fact, many students are already bringing their own devices and connecting to the school network.

BYOD is a personal education tool and as such the department/school cannot supply support for faulty devices (software or hardware). The department advises that accidental loss and damage insurance should be considered.

The school has purchased software Texthelp Read&Write Gold to assist students to read, write, organise, study, research and be numerate. It can be used across the curriculum. It also helps achieve greater independence and move towards becoming lifelong learners. Students will be able to install this software on their BYOD devices through the school.

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Paula Moverley, Computer Coordinator or Mr Brad Redden, Technical Support.