







# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE – BYOD

## What is BYOD?

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to the idea that students can bring a personally owned device to school for the purposes of improving their learning. From Term 2 2015, **senior students** will be allowed to bring their own devices to school to facilitate learning. Blaxland High School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, where technology plays an increasing role in students’ everyday lives. It is not however, mandatory that students bring a device and they can of course, use the notebook provided to students by the Federal Government.

## What devices are permitted?

Students can only bring devices with the following specifications:

	<p><b>Wireless Connectivity</b> Devices must support 5Ghz dual band, 802.11n. Android devices must be able to connect on all channels in the 5Ghz range.</p>		<p><b>Screen Size</b> Minimum of 7 inches diagonally</p>
	<p><b>Battery Life</b> Devices must last at least 5 hours without charge. Students cannot charge devices at school.</p>		<p><b>Protective Case</b> A carry case or protective cover is essential in protecting your device.</p>
<p><b>Software and Applications</b> Devices must have software that allow for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet browsing</li> <li>• Note taking</li> <li>• Word processing</li> <li>• Creating spreadsheets</li> <li>• Creating presentations</li> <li>• Antivirus protection which is regularly updated</li> </ul>			

## How do I join the BYOD program?

**Students must:**

- Be a student in Year 11 or 12 at Blaxland High School.
- Carefully read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement, have it signed by parent/caregiver and submit to the school.
- Have signed agreement confirmed by school.
- Attach the approval sticker to the device. Only devices with the approval sticker will be permitted in classrooms.

# Student Responsibilities

## **Operating System and Anti-virus**

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and software. If applicable, devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

## **Theft and Damage Prevention**

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department of education and Communities.

## **Network Connectivity**

Student devices are only permitted to connect to the Department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

## **Battery Life and Charging**

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. Students will not be permitted to charge their devices nor will charging equipment be supplied.

## **Inspection and Confiscation**

Students must agree to allow teachers to inspect their device at anytime to ensure the adherence to the BYOD Student Agreement. Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

## **Maintenance and Support**

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

## **Data Backup**

Students are responsible for backing-up their own data, which should be done regularly.

## **Insurance and Warranty**

Students and their parents/caregivers are solely responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.

## **Teacher Direction**

Students accept the direction of teachers in the classroom and playground as to the appropriateness of the devices use. It is at the classroom teachers' discretion, whether student devices are to be used within their classroom.

## **Portal Login**

Students must always access the internet using their own details and should never share this information with anyone else.



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## Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement

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Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver.  
I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD policy and that:

- I will use the Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network for learning.
- I will use my device during class at the direction of the teacher.
- I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my device without the permission of a teacher.
- I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- I will stay safe by not providing my personal information to strangers.
- I will not hack or otherwise bypass any hardware or software security implemented by the department or my school.
- I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is
  - offensive
  - pornographic
  - threatening
  - abusive
  - defamatory
  - considered to be bullying
- I will report inappropriate behaviour and/or materials to my teacher.
- I will not use my device to take any photographs or videos without the teacher's permission.
- I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of, my device.
- I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.
- I have reviewed the BYOD Requirements and Student Responsibilities document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
- I understand that if I do not abide by the rules outlined, that my BYOD authorisation will be revoked.
- I accept that my device can be examined by a teacher upon request and that the device can be confiscated by a teacher if deemed necessary.
- I have read and will abide by the current NSW DEC Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students and current Blaxland High school BYOD policies and procedures.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2018

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

in the presence of

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver Signature

### **Office Use Only**

Application Approved  Yes  No  
Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered into system:  Yes