

PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY



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Rational:

BYOD refers to our Bring Your Own Device program whereby students are permitted to bring a personal computer device that satisfies set specifications, capable of connecting to the school's wireless network to support their learning at school and at home.

This policy applies to any student connecting a personal learning device to the Department Of Education's Wi-Fi network.

Picnic Point Public School values the role of technology in personalising learning and developing 21st Century skills in students to prepare them for the world beyond school. Access to technology provides opportunity for students to engage in deep and authentic learning experiences in a flexible and engaging format. The school is committed to developing students who are collaborative, active and informed users of technology on a regular basis.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at Picnic Point Public School will provide students with regular access to technology as an authentic tool for learning. Picnic Point Public School is committed to the principles of equity and will ensure that all students have regular, authentic access to technology devices and the same learning outcomes.

Actions

- Students need to be aware of and read the Picnic Point Public School's BYOD policy and DEC *Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students* found at:
https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general_man/general/accep_use/PD20020046.shtml
- Students and parents/guardians must read and understand these guidelines and sign the Student User Agreement before students will be permitted to connect a personal computer device to the school's wireless network services attached. If a student connects a device without a Student User Agreement they are in breach of the school rules and disciplinary action may be taken.
- The term device refers to any personal technology device students bring from home with the capability to connect to the Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network.
- Students can only use a personal technology device at school, with the knowledge and written approval of parent/guardian and Picnic Point Public School. The signing and returning of PPPS's BYOD User Agreement constitutes such knowledge and approval. Picnic Point Public School reserves the right to confiscate any unauthorised device. The school adopts this policy, in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and staff.
- Students are to use the device for educational purposes whilst on school premises and/or connected to the school network. Activities such as downloading files not related to school work, playing computer games or watching movies is not permitted and contravenes the school's Student User Agreement.

- Picnic Point Public School reserves the right to inspect any device if a student is suspected of engaging in misconduct or violating the DEC or School policies, administrative procedures, school rules or the PPPS Student User Agreement when using the device. Violations may result in the loss of the privilege to use the device at school and/or disciplinary action.
- Student devices are not covered by NSW Treasury Managed Fund. The student MUST accept FULL responsibility for the care and use of their own device. In particular, the school does not accept responsibility for theft or loss of the device or its parts and accessories.
- In cases of malicious damage of a student's device, existing school policies and processes for damage to schools or another student's property apply.

Student Responsibilities

Students must take full responsibility for the care and maintenance of their own device. Picnic Point Public School is not responsible for the safety and security of the personal learning device. Students should:

- back up and store files securely. It is recommended that students back up their work with a portable hard drive or USB flash drive, which should be labelled with the student's name and class.
- ensure appropriate care of the device including the use of a protective case, costs of repair, replacement or any modifications required to use the device at school.
- keep the device with them at all times during class and ensure it is secured in the classroom during break time and secured in a protective carry case when travelling to and from school.
- not loan their device to any other person.
- manage battery life and regularly charge their device. Devices should be fully charged when brought to school.
- ensure that the device is kept in protective casing.
- maintain up-to-date anti-virus software and operating system on their device.
- take insurance coverage for their device to protect from accidental damage, theft or loss. (At parental discretion)
- ensure that the operating system and all software on the device are legally and appropriately licensed.
- not use any electronic device to record audio or video or take pictures of any student or staff member without their permission.
- use the device appropriately. Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Students are not permitted to use technology to harass, threaten, humiliate, intimidate, annoy or threaten any member of the school community and breaches will be subject to normal school disciplinary procedures.

Technical Assistance or Advice

- Picnic Point Public School is not obliged to provide hardware or technical support for personal devices. Basic assistance around connectivity to the wireless network will be provided.
- The school cannot undertake to provide technical assistance to students for hardware and software problems that may arise with personal devices. If a personal device were to malfunction during a lesson, the student would be required to continue with classwork in a conventional manner.
- The student is responsible for ensuring that the required software and applications are installed on their device, as well as current anti-virus software and must continue to maintain the latest service packs, updates and anti-virus controls.
- The school's Wi-Fi network operates on the 5GHz 802.11nGhz standard. Connection for devices that do not support this standard cannot be guaranteed.

Security

System security is protected through the use of passwords. Failure to adequately protect or update passwords may compromise security and result in unauthorised access to files.

Any student identified as a security risk or proven to be an irresponsible user may be denied access to the network.

Students must follow these guidelines:

- Students should not share or reveal their passwords to another individual.
- Students should have strong passwords and suitable privacy controls.
- Students must log in under their own name and are not to use a computer or resource that has been logged in under another name.
- Students are responsible for installing appropriate anti-virus software and ensuring such software is updated on a regular basis.
- Ensure that the operating system and all software on their device are legally and appropriately licensed.

Equity

Students who are unable to bring their own device to school will have access to devices made available by Picnic Point Public School. In cases where students are unable to bring their own device the school will, where possible, provide access in the following ways:

- Laptops or iPads available for loan during lessons

Intellectual property and Copyright

Students must comply with all copyright standards. Students must not plagiarise, copy, transmit or download any copyright material without appropriate permissions.



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PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the principal.

I agree that I will abide by Picnic Point Public School's BYOD Policy and DEC Online Communication Services: Acceptable usage for students and that:

- I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- I will only use the school internet service to access the internet at school.
- I will use my device during school activities with the permission and direction of the teacher.
- I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- I will not hack or bypass any hardware and 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 or pornographic, threatening, abusive or defamatory or considered to be bullying.
- I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
- I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations of misconduct.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my personal device.
- I understand that I must bring the device to school fully charged every day and there are no facilities for charging my device at school.
- I understand that technical support at school is limited to helping me access the school's wireless network only.
- I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
- I will back up my data.
- I understand that inappropriate use of my device may result in confiscation of my device and disciplinary action and that any staff member has the right to inspect and confiscate a device if there are suspected violations of Picnic Point Public School's BYOD policy and DEC *Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for Students*, and this may result in the loss of network/device privileges.

I have read the above and I understand it. I accept this policy and will abide by it.

Student's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read this policy and discussed it with my child and understand the responsibility they have in the use of their personal device. I accept it and expect my child to abide by it.

Parent/ Guardian's name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____