

Introduction

Due to rapid changes and development in teaching and learning practices over recent years, it is important that Guildford Grammar School adopt pedagogy that enhances and develops student learning to prepare them for a 21st Century world. The implementation of this BYOD program will enable flexibility and dynamism in the classroom to facilitate best practice in teaching and learning.

Student BYOD Agreement

Prior to connecting their devices to the network, students must return a <u>Student BYOD Agreement</u>. This agreement must be signed by the student and by a parent/guardian.

It is important to ensure that students are aware of and agree to their obligations under both this document and the BYOD Agreement, prior to using their own device on the school Wi-Fi network.

Parents/Guardians should retain a copy of the BYOD agreement.

Device selection

The school does not mandate any device but will provide a series of specifications to students and parents that will establish an appropriate technical level.

Any laptop device is considered "old" after approximately 3 years and may need to be replaced at this time.

The school may engage an external supplier to assist students and parents in the procurement process (including warranty and other services). This is optional – and students/families are free to procure the BYOD however they see fit.

Student responsibilities

Students are solely responsible for the care and maintenance of their BYO devices. This includes but is not limited to:

- Labelling their device for identification purposes.
- Purchasing and using device protective casing.
- Ensuring the device is safe and secure during travel to and from school and throughout the school day.
- Maintaining up-to-date anti-virus software and operating system on their device.

Students are responsible for managing the battery life of their device and acknowledging that the school is not responsible for charging their devices. Students should ensure that their devices are fully charged before bringing them to school. The School is not responsible for providing facilities for students to charge their devices.

Students should not attach any school-owned equipment (e.g., printer) to their BYOD devices without the permission of a school staff member.

Damage and Technical Support

Students bring their devices onto the school site at their own risk. Guildford Grammar School takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged devices, including lost or corrupted data on those devices.

In cases of malicious damage or theft of another student's device, existing school processes for damage to school or another student's property apply.

The school will limit technical support to providing assistance with:

- Connecting to the school wireless and internet
- Installing School Software
- Supporting printing requirements

School staff are under no obligation to provide any technical support on either hardware or software outside these exceptions.

The school strongly recommends that devices are protected by long-term warranties (recommended 3 years) and also protected by family insurance.

Discipline

Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Agreement, the school may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken in accordance with the school's Pastoral Care Policy. This may include referral to the police.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

What devices can students bring to School?

Students can bring devices to school that meet the specifications shown in the BYOD PC recommendations table to the right, in addition to the following:

- **Wireless connectivity** devices must support 5GHz dual band, 802.11 ab/g/n/ac wireless.
- Laptop devices should **not be more than 3 years old**.
- Devices using batteries there is a clear expectation that students will bring their device to school each day fully charged.
- A completed, signed <u>Student BYOD Agreement</u> is required before any device may be used on campus.

Planning Purchases

Our recommended devices are all available through **JB Hi-Fi**, who also offer payment plans. You may buy your device from any supplier you choose.

Additionally, if you are seeking information on cost-effective (minimum specification) devices, we would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

BYOD PC recommendations Years 7-12	
Suggested	Intel Core i5 Series or equivalent 8GB RAM 256GB SSD Integrated Graphics
High performance	Intel Core i5 Series or equivalent 16GB RAM 256GB SSD Discrete AMD/nVidia Graphics Processor (GPU)

Although Guildford Grammar School recommends the use of Windows Laptops students may elect to use Apple Macintosh Laptops. Guildford Grammar School tries to ensure that software is available on both platforms, but sometimes this is not possible. Where this is the case, a small number of desktop computers will be available for use on school grounds.

Further information

For further information on the **hardware** involved (the specifications or machines listed), please contact:

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