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Bring Your Own Device

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The following information has been developed as a guide for parents/caregivers and students regarding the "Bring Your Own Device" (iPad) program for Years 7, 8 and 9 at Murrumba State Secondary College in 2019.

The iPad BYOD program aims to introduce students to a diverse range of teaching and learning opportunities to prepare them for a digital-rich future. The College has been well positioned to provide effective ICT infrastructure to support this program by offering full wireless coverage to our students. To ensure every student is equipped with the 21st Century skills required for the future, MSSC recommends parents/caregivers to support the iPad BYOD program for their child. To connect to the College network the ***BYOD Acceptable Use*** form needs to be completed and returned to iServices.

BYOD Program

Year 7 – 9   **iPad Device**
Year 10 – 12   **iPad, Windows or Mac Device (Based on Subject Selection)**

Minimum iPad Specifications

iPad

iPad Air or later (iPad Mini not supported)
WiFi Model, 32GB or above storage
Supports iOS 11.3+

Parents/caregivers are also asked to purchase the following accessories:
- Ruggedised/protective case and screen protector
- Headphones – we recommend volume restricted headphones
- A number of suggested Apps that are outlined in the MSSC Suggested Apps List

Purchasing Portal

The College have worked with suppliers Apple, JB HiFi, HP & Datacom to provide our students with competitive education pricing whilst also providing Support, Warranty & Finance solutions.
The portal provides a range of devices that meet our minimum specifications, suitable for the BYOD program for Year 7 to 12.

These Portal Links can be found on our college [BYOD page](#).

NOTE: Parents/caregivers are not required to purchase through these suppliers and can purchase from any retailer or use an existing device that meets the minimum specifications.

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iPad Resources

There is a range of resources for parents/caregivers and students regarding iPads in the **Support and Resources** section on the College website (https://murrumbassc.eq.edu.au). The iPad resources section contains information on iPad set up, usage, filtering, protecting data and devices, cybersafety and a selection of other resources.

Frequently Asked Questions

Whose responsibility is the device?
The student is responsible for the device. MSSC is not liable for any damage or loss and it is recommended that parents/caregivers add the device to their home and contents insurance.

Will Murrumba State Secondary College take any responsibility for non-school data 'lost'?
No. Students assume ultimate responsibility for their own data files and should back up their data at least once a week in order to effectively protect their information.

Will an Internet filter be installed on the BYOD device?
No. The BYOD device does not have a filter installed, however students are automatically filtered when they connect at the College by the Managed Internet Service (MIS).

Can I purchase mobile internet for my child to use at school?
No. Students have full network access almost anywhere on College grounds. The use of a portable hotspots means students can get access to an unfiltered and unprotected internet access.

Does the device require antivirus software?
Yes. The Department of Education and Training has negotiated with Symantec to offer state school students discounted anti-virus software. Students can log into the Learning Place to find out more. Look for the 'Exclusive security offer'.

Will there be a place where my child can leave the device unattended during a school day?
Yes. Students will have access to a laptop locker to safely store their device for a small deposit of $10.

Can my child use an android-based tablet?
Unfortunately, android-based tablets have limited capability within the College network. As we cannot guarantee connection, we recommend students use an iPad.

Can my child install their own computer games and other personal software?
Yes. It is recommended they **own** the software before installing it on their device, all software and content must be appropriate and aligned to the BYOD Acceptable Use policy.

Will Students have access to technical support?
No. IT technicians can provide limited technical support regarding College connectivity, however, due to liability issues IT technicians or teachers will not be able to provide any further support on student owned devices.

Can students still access Microsoft Office 365?
Yes. Students can also download Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge on up to five tablets/smartphones and five compatible PCs and Macs. To download onto a tablet simply download the app and sign in with the student's school email address. For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com and login using the student's school email address and follow onscreen process.

Who can I contact at MSSC regarding the BYOD program?
For further information contact Craig Boardman (Leader of Learning - eLearning) on 07 3490 3222 or email byod@murrumbassc.eq.edu.au regarding the BYOD program.

The benefits of the BYOD program are many and it is no surprise that there is currently a move towards providing students with digital learning first hand. Enhanced learning in the classroom and beyond, learning that is self-initiated, independent, engaging and provides students with the opportunity to apply rich learning in purposeful and meaningful ways. As well as engendering and teaching of a sense of responsibility and care for their own ICT Devices.

Yours Sincerely,

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