MURRUMBA STATE SECONDARY COLLEGE

BringYourOwnDevice

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The following information has been developed as a guide for parents/caregivers and students regarding the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for Years 10, 11 and 12 at Murrumba State Secondary College.

The 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 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**
Year 10 - 12	**iPad, Windows or Mac Device (based on subject selection)**

Minimum Specifications

The College recommends that a device be chosen that meets the minimum specifications below and enables suitability for curriculum based activities. Student subject choices and interests should be considered when deciding on a device. Other considerations (for example: amount of typing, multitasking and handwriting recognition) when choosing between an iPad, Windows device (Surface RT or Microsoft 10 S not supported) or a MacBook is outlined in the **MSSC Student BYOD Charter Agreement** on the College website.

Recommended specifications are the minimum requirements if a student chooses the following subjects due to the use of software required for these courses:

- Technology subjects - ICT, ITS, IPT & Graphics.
- Creative Industries subjects - Visual Art and FTVNM

iPad
iPad Air 2 or later (iPad Mini not supported)   **WiFi Model, 32GB or Above Storage**   **Supports iOS 11.3+**

Windows Device
Minimum   **Windows 8.1 or Later Operating System**   **11inch Screen**   **Intel i3 or AMD equivalent Processor, 256GB Hard Disk, 4GB Memory**   **WiFi 5 (5GHz) or newer**   **Recommended**   **As Above with i5 Processor, SSD Storage & 8GB Memory**

MacBook Air, MacBook Pro
Minimum   **OS X 10.15 (Catalina) or later**   **11inch Screen, 128GB Storage, 4GB Memory**   **Recommended**   **As Above with latest operating system, SSD Storage & 8GB Memory**

NOTE: Chomebooks are not supported and will not work on the department network.

NOTE: It is mandatory for all devices to have a protective case and antivirus software. It is also strongly recommended that the device be added to home and contents insurance to cover it from accidental damage.

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Purchasing Portal

The College have worked with suppliers Acer, 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 this portal and can purchase from any retailer or use an existing device that meets the minimum specifications.

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 and VPNs are prohibited and are against our mobile phone policy.

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 or Chromebook?
Unfortunately, android-based tablets have limited capability within the College network. As we cannot guarantee connection, we recommend students use an iPad. Chromebooks are not supported by the department.

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 Rhiann Nelson (Leader of Learning - eLearning) on 07 3490 3222 or email

Yours Sincerely,

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