‘Bring Your Own Device’ Policy

Hurlstone Agricultural High School is committed to providing supportive and engaging learning environments throughout the day and boarding school. We value the rich and deep learning experiences that technology can provide in a stimulating and challenging academic environment and in supporting communication and collaboration in a residential setting. With the demise of the Digital Education Revolution, Hurlstone is providing students and families the opportunity to provide their own device for learning and educational activities.

This policy has been developed to provide safe and secure guidance regarding the acceptable use of the device, wireless infrastructure and filtered internet.

- Personal laptops, tablets and smart phones may be used by students for educational purposes only.
- The device can only be used once the User Agreement has been signed and dated by the student, parent or guardian and the staff representative. The device details will be registered and a copy of the BYOD User Charter will be kept in the student diary.
- The student and parent / guardian accept full responsibility for the care and use of the device. Hurlstone will not cover the loss, theft or damage of the device or any peripheral item. Families should check their home and contents policy to ensure the device is covered outside their home.
- Devices are not to be left unattended in the playground or classroom at any time. Students should use school lockers which are available for hire from the Accounts Office. Devices are not to be left in lockers overnight.
- Students should minimise the weight of their school bag so as not to put undue stress on their back or shoulders.
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure their device is has the most up-to-date operating system patches and up-to-date virus protection software and virus definitions. Students with devices that are found to be a security risk will be required to leave the device at home until the necessary updates are applied or remediation is undertaken.
- Students will have access to the DEC wireless network and DEC filtered internet. Students are not to tether or hotspot their device to a 3G /4G device such as a smart phone or mobile router. Such action will see the student’s access to the BYOD program limited or removed.
- Student devices are to be used for educational purposes only. Students are not to access resources or programs (apps) that are not directly related to the current lesson activity. Excessive downloads or game playing is not permitted. Students using the device inappropriately will be asked to shutdown their device. The use of the device is at the discretion of the teacher. There will be lessons where the device is not required for part or all of a lesson.
- Students are required to bring their device to school fully charged. There is no facility for students to charge their devices in the day school. Chargers and leads create a trip hazard as well as a safety risk when using power points. Parents should consider the battery life of a device prior to purchase.
- Technical support staff will only provide assistance with connection to the wireless network. All other software and hardware issues are the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian. The school is unable to provide software to students due to copyright and legal responsibilities. In the event of a device malfunction, students are to continue with the lesson in a timely manner without disrupting the class. Students will not be able to claim an assessment misadventure in the event of a malfunction of the device.
- Students are required to perform a regular backup of all files on their device so as to reduce the loss of data.
- Devices are not to be connected directly to the schools wired network. Files required for printing can be made via transfer to a student owned USB and printed on the computers provided in the library.

Responsibilities

Students and Parents / Caregivers:
- Bring the device to school each day, fully charged
- Provide a device which meets the minimum device recommendations. Devices that do not meet minimum specifications will not be able to connect to the network.
- The BYOD User charter must be read and signed by the students and parents / caregiver prior to the device being used at school.
- Students must abide by the DEC policy: Online Communication Services: Acceptable use for students (PD20020046) and the BYOD User Charter
- Follow teacher directions as to the appropriate use of the device in class.
- Students are responsible for the safety and supervision of the device at school, on school activities and during travel to and from school.
- Students must connect to the wireless network or internet using their own DEC username and password. Students are not permitted to connect to the internet or other network (wired, wireless or cellular). Students are not to bridge the DEC network to any other network.
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Teachers:
- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of devices where appropriate to the lesson. The use of the device is at the discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers will manage the misuse of the device in class in accordance with the school welfare policy.

Hurlstone Agricultural High School:
- Manage an equity policy for families and students for the BYOD program
- Ensure the User Charter is signed by parents and students prior to use at school.

References
Student BYOD Policy:

Student BYOD Guidelines:

BYOD Literature review:

Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students: