



# Bankstown Public School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy and Protocols 2017

## School Vision

*Our vision at Bankstown Public School is to provide a supportive and challenging learning environment. We empower our students to thrive by providing rich learning opportunities where students can strive for personal excellence and succeed. We promote and inspire student growth, creating confident and connected life-long learners in a diverse community.*

## Rationale

In order to develop our students as future focussed innovative life-long learners, it is imperative that Bankstown Public School equips our students with authentic opportunities to thrive. In an ever changing world, schools are preparing students for futures and careers that are yet to be created. As such, learning environments are adapting in order to equip students with the skills they will need now and in the future.

**'Schools are in the position to harness students' connection to their own personal devices for the purpose of developing 21st Century skills and for fostering digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in a safe environment.'**

*- Department of Education Student BYOD Policy*

Bankstown Public School BYOD policy follows the NSW Department of Education BYOD policy which include requirements for schools to allow students to use personal mobile electronic devices at school with the capability of connecting to the department's wi-fi network. The DoE BYOD Policy link is below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/student-bring-your-own-device-policy-byod>

Educators at Bankstown Public School are embracing technology in a wide range of ways to enhance student learning, engagement and achievement. Students are explicitly taught future focussed skills such as communication, collaboration, creative and critical thinking and problem solving. Access to a personal device provides increased opportunities for this invaluable learning to occur.

## Implementation

### Acceptable Devices

Bankstown Public School is a multi-platform school. As such, we believe it is important that students are proficient with a wide range of technological devices in order to increase their adaptability. Bankstown Public School currently provides learning opportunities utilising chromebooks, laptops, iPads and tablets. As a reference for parents, the department's Wi-Fi network operates on the 802.11m 5Ghz standard. Devices will need to support this standard in order to successfully connect.

Parents and caregivers are asked to be mindful of the weight of the device, as students will need to transport devices to and from school daily. Each device must be accompanied by a case in order to decrease the risk of damage to the device. Any iPad or tablet should also have a screen protector.

Mobile phones, gaming devices (Playstation, Nintendo DS etc.), iPods and Mp3 players are not permitted.



## Apps

Students who will be bringing an iPad or tablet to school will be supplied with a list of apps required to download to the device in order to successfully use the device in the classroom. Where possible, teachers will ask students to download free apps, however, some apps may incur a small cost. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they have downloaded the apps required for use in the classroom.

## Lost or Damaged Devices

Students' personal devices are at all times the responsibility of the individual. Students are expected to bring their device to school daily.

- Students are not permitted to take their device to the playground
- Students' devices will be kept in classrooms throughout the day
- When devices are in use, students must take care with their device. This includes keeping the device in its case when moving about the classroom
- Teachers will lock classroom doors when the class is away from the room in order to ensure the device is secure
- Before and after school, devices must be kept securely in students' bags

Insurance for devices is the responsibility of the parent/caregiver.

## Registration of Devices

Prior to bringing any personal device to school, students and their parents/caregivers need to read, sign and adhere to the BYOD policy and student agreement. Students must return the signed documentation to their classroom teacher.

Permission, when granted, is applicable for the current school year (2017) only.

Breach of BYOD policy and student agreement will be met with consequences determined by the principal. This may include the student/s being unable to bring their device to school.

## Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

This BYOD policy will be implemented throughout 2017. In Term 4, the BYOD program and policy will be reviewed by all key stakeholders, including students, parents and staff.

## Cyberbullying

The Commonwealth Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has developed a resource for parents—iPARENT—which is designed to help parents learn how to be safe and secure with the connected devices in their children's lives.

iPARENT—found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> - provides facts and stats about Australian children online, managing technology in the home and strategies used by parents to keep children safe online.

A Parent's guide to online safety can be downloaded from the site and a range of useful information is available. For example parents can access information about cyberbullying including:

- How to talk to your child;
- A parent's guide to responding to cyberbullying;
- What to do if your child is being cyberbullied or cyberbullying others; and
- Sources of professional support and help.

The Department of Education also has a cyber safety resource for parents on its website - Raising Good Digital Citizens which is accessible at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>



## Acceptable Usage (The Role of Parents & Students)

- Students **MUST** comply with departmental and school policies pertaining to the use of devices at school whilst connected to the Bankstown Public School Wi-Fi network.
- At school, the internet may only be used via the school's wireless network. Access to the Wi-Fi network will be provided to students free of charge.
- The use of social media, instant messaging or text messaging is unacceptable at Bankstown Public School.
- Taking photos, videos or recording the voice of any individual or group is not allowed unless permission is granted by all individuals and the supervising teacher.
- Devices must be left in the classroom at lunch breaks. At no time are students permitted to use devices on the playground.
- Each student has a responsibility to bring their device to school fully charged, in a case and clearly labelled.
- Students and/or parents or caregivers are responsible for the maintenance of students' personal devices. This includes the provision of a case and/or screen protector and ensuring that devices are equipped with any necessary virus protection.
- Bankstown Public School will not be liable for any damages or losses. Students are expected to adhere to rules and expectations at all times and must take full responsibility for their personal devices at all times.
- Students must follow teacher instructions pertaining to use of devices in the classroom.
- Students agree to listen to, access and use school and age appropriate content on their devices whilst at Bankstown Public School.
- Students must not create, transmit, retransmit or participate in the circulation of content that attempts to undermine, hack or bypass any hardware and software security mechanisms that have been implemented by the Department of Education or Bankstown Public School.
- Students must not use the department's network services to seek out, access, store or send any material that is of an offensive, threatening or abusive nature.
- Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data or material that breaches the BYOD Student Agreement, the principal may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material.



# Your Own Device (BYOD) Student and Parent Agreement 2017

- Students must read and sign the BYOD student agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver.
- I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD policy and that:
- I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- I will use my device during classroom activities and follow the directions of the teacher.
- I will use my own portal and internet login details and will not share them with others.
- I will abide by internet safety protocols, such as 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 device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send any content that is offensive, threatening, abusive, 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 or for other legal reasons.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my device.
- I have read the BYOD parent/student responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
Student name Parent/caregiver name

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/caregiver signature  
Student signature

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_