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BYOD UPDATE

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Dear Parents,

With the end of the Digital Education Revolution program, the Department of Education and Communities published their Bring Your Own Device policy for implementation from 2014 and beyond. Kellyville High School students in Years 7 and 9 have had the opportunity to bring their own device to school from Term 1, 2014 to support the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. This was a pilot process to test our policy and our Wi-Fi capability. As we move into 2015, we will expand this program to incorporate year 7-10. Years 11-12 will continue to use their DER laptops.

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. There are different models of BYOD. KHS has chosen a BYOD model that will lead to the best learning outcomes for our students.

The device must meet the requirements listed below in order to be able to connect to the school Wi-Fi and receive school-based technical support. These requirements are listed below. The school cannot support devices that do not meet these requirements.

Kellyville High School Order Portal

In order to simplify the process for parents looking to purchase a BYOD model, we have partnered with Learning With Technology to set up a BYOD Order Portal. The models available for purchase on the portal cover a range of price points and will meet the educational and technical requirements of the school. Learning With Technology offer a variety of payment plans, warranty options and accessories.

The Kellyville Order Portal can be accessed at **KellyvilleHS.orderportal.com.au**

BYOD at KHS

It is essential that students and parents are aware of the following responsibilities **before** they decide to participate in the BYOD program. Access to current ICT equipment will still be available to students.

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. Students and their parents are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the terms of the policy and warranty conditions for the device. ***The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.*** Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices. This includes the backing up of data and updating of applications, including antivirus software. ***Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department of Education and Communities.***

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement. Devices will be returned to parents upon discussion about the breach.

Please read the attached documents carefully. The school website will contain updates to the policy as they become available.

Ms Justina Barnier
Principal



Device Specifications for BYOD@KHS

Models recommended

Please see KellyvilleHS.orderportal.com.au for recommended models. All models on the Kellyville High School Order Portal meet the school's education and technical requirements.

Wireless connectivity:

Student devices are **only** permitted to connect to the department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is **no cost** for this service.

The department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. This may be advertised as "Dual Band Wireless", "802.11abgn", "802.11agn", "802.11ac" or "Gigabit Wireless". Devices that do not support this standard will not be able to connect.

Note: Devices marketed as "802.11bgn" probably do not support the required standard.

Please take special note of the wireless compatibility requirements. This is the most difficult requirement to verify yourself for Windows laptops. If you are unsure, consider purchasing a recommended device.

Parents need to be aware that many devices that are sold through retail outlets will **not** have Wi-Fi to this standard.

Operating system:

Windows 7 or above.

Students must ensure they have a **legal** and **licensed** version of the operating system and of software.

Certain devices are intentionally omitted from the specifications because they may not have the processing power or compatibility to run demanding educational applications or there is insufficient support from the DEC and technology providers.

Software:

Students' devices must be equipped with **fully updated anti-virus software**. All software should be fully updated.

Students will need productivity software that will include **word processing, presentation tools, spreadsheet, web browser with flash enabled and video editing**. Individual subjects may recommend specialised software, being particularly mindful of endorsing free or affordable options.

Apache OpenOffice has a variety of FREE options <https://www.openoffice.org/why/index.html>

NSW DEC has access to student copies of [Windows 7/8, Microsoft Office 13, Adobe suite products](#).

Battery life:

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. *No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.*

A minimum of 6hrs battery life to last the school day.

Memory and RAM:

A minimum specification of 4 GB RAM *to process and store data effectively.*

Data back-up:

Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly. Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly.

Ergonomics:

10.8 inch or larger screen

A sturdy physical keyboard with keys which physically move when depressed to support continuous use throughout the day.

Theft and damage:

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. *Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department.*

Confiscation:

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

Maintenance and support:

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

Insurance/warranty:

Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the terms of the policy and warranty conditions for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

Other considerations

Carry case: Supply a tough and sturdy carry case to protect the device

Weight: Lightweight for ease of carrying.