Wirreanda Secondary School
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Wirreanda Secondary School is conscious that all students will benefit by being able to access a Digital Device for their learning. While the school has many Digital Devices, to ensure that all students are able to access the internet and other programs normally associated with research purposes, we, like many schools have considered our options. We believe that Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is the most appropriate way to meet their learning requirements.

BYOD has been tried and tested in many countries around the world and in a variety of situations including educational institutions, government and even business. There are also many schools in Adelaide that have decided to allow the use of BYOD. We believe that this is the best policy for students to be able to build upon the ICT skills that have been instilled through Wirreanda Secondary School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick Jackson 08 83297200

Frequently Asked Questions by Parents / Caregivers

1. Should an anti-virus program be installed on the device?
   - Every computer will need to have an up-to-date anti-virus program. There are several free versions on the internet and may be found at such sites as filehippo.com They include AVG (Free Edition) and Malwarebytes Anti-Malware. It is not recommended that you use Avast! Free Antivirus simply because it has a tendency to block some relevant sites.

2. What will be supported by Wirreanda Secondary School?
   - Some students may have comparatively elderly Digital Devices. While every effort will be made to allow connection to the school network, if the device does not meet minimum specifications we may not be able to assist. Generally the school is able to support Windows 7; Snow Leopard and iOS6. We are currently not able to support the use of Android devices. For ease of reading, it is suggested that all screens should be a minimum of 200mm x 150mm (the size of an iPad Air). It has been found that screen sizes smaller than this are not conducive to effective work. The battery on the device must be able to last for the school day. It will not be possible for students to charge their devices whilst at school (a minimum of 6 hours).

3. What if I am unable to purchase a Digital Device for my child?
   - It must be stressed that no student will be disadvantaged by not bringing their own device to school. Wirreanda has a number of Digital Devices that students are able to access during lesson times, including Laptops, iPads and Desktop Machines.

4. How will my child be able to access the internet with his/her device?
   - Students will have an information sheet distributed to them explaining how to access the school network. If there are any connection issues, the student will need to bring their device to the ICT HelpDesk Window (located in the Learning Hub).

5. What happens if the device is accidently damaged at school?
   - The school is unable to accept any responsibility for the protection of any BYOD equipment. It is the student’s responsibility to care for their own possessions. It is highly recommended that some type of protective cover/bag is used when the device is brought to school. Most Digital Devices may be covered by your own household insurance policies, so it is strongly suggested that you check with your insurance provider.

6. What if the Digital Device is stolen or willfully damaged at school?
   - The school will naturally follow through with an investigation of theft or willful damage to a student’s Digital Device and appropriate Behaviour Management Policies will occur. If a device is stolen, you will need to make a Report to the Police.

7. What is stopping the student from accessing inappropriate websites?
   - Once the student is connected to the school’s Wi-Fi network, the DECD Filter system will still block these sites and students will not be able to access them using the school’s Internet Access.

8. What Software is permitted on a student’s Digital Device?
   - Software installed on any device must be licensed for use on the device. Students are responsible for the licensing of any software that is installed on a BYOD device. They must be mindful of Software Piracy and the consequences of using illegal...
software. It is an expectation that devices owned by the students and brought to school comply with the appropriate legal operating system.

- No student is permitted to have any software on their device that will allow them to by-pass the school’s filtering process. If this does occur, the device will not be permitted to access the school’s network.

9. Are Games permitted to be installed on a BYOD Device?
- There is strong evidence that games in education can be useful at appropriate times. The use of games within the teaching and learning program is at the discretion of the teacher. Students are not permitted to play games without teacher permission. This applies to games installed on both school-owned and student-owned devices.

- If a student is found playing a game on their own – or a school owned – device, they will be warned in the first instance and a phone call will be made to the parent / caregiver. A reminder that games are not to be uploaded to any school owned device located in the Learning Hub or any of the Laptop Trolleys. It is stressed that any games brought into the school on a student’s own device must not be ‘R’-rated. If this does occur, appropriate Behaviour Management strategies will occur.

10. What happens if the device is not working at the school?
- The school does not have the capacity to troubleshoot or repair privately owned Digital Devices and is also conscious that this would undoubtedly void any manufacturer’s Warranty.

11. Backing-up of work
- It is vital that students back-up their work not just on the Digital Devices Hard Drives (as these can and do fail at times), but also an external hard drive such as a USB. Data created on a student’s own iPad should be backed-up by synchronizing the iPad to iTunes on a computer each night.

12. Will my child be able to print their work at school?
- Providing the digital device meets the requirements outlined by the school, students will be able to print at school. However, it may require the work to be emailed to their LearnLink Account or to be saved on a USB and then taken to a school device for printing. In addition to this, students may either send their work to their teacher by email, or print at home.

Whatever the device, the student must ensure that it is fully charged in the mornings. Please sign the return BYOD Acceptable Use Agreement Form and return.