



These are exciting time at Wirreanda Secondary School. Education has changed drastically in the last 15 to 20 years and practices are developing further as we speak. Many of the drivers for these changes come from exponential growth in digital technology. Our young people are growing up in a society where the effective use of and skills in functioning in a digitally connected world are essential. Wirreanda Secondary School is committed to ensuring our students meet those needs and having their own device plays a major role in that.

These are the key areas where we see having a BYOD programme is essential in our school:

- **Student engagement**
 - Digital technology is everywhere and has so many exciting and attractive features that can enhance teaching and learning
 - The familiarity and ease of use in that comes with having your own device
- **Learning becomes student driven**
 - Schools have changed and are changing as we speak
 - As teachers our roles are more about setting challenges, coaching and assisting students find information and come up with possible solutions to problems
 - BYOD gives authority to students to drive their own learning in as education becomes moves away from direct instruction
- **Collaboration & communication**
 - Working in teams to solve problems is an essential skill to develop for all students. Having your own device can play a significant role in that
 - BYOD promotes communication with teachers and between peers
- **Learning anytime, anywhere**
 - Having your own device in and out-of-school provides opportunities for continuous learning
- **Money for infrastructure & specialism**
 - With the money typically spent on devices, Wirreanda Secondary School can invest in Wi-Fi, the infra-structure and specialist equipment that provides digitally enhanced opportunities and skills that open doors into areas of employment previously out of our the reach of students

All staff at Wirreanda Secondary School are fully aware that BYOD can cause a certain amount of anxiety for families but at the same time it is exciting. The Senior Leader – Transforming the Learning, the IT Support team and Harvey Norman are committed to helping everyone overcome logistics, answer questions and allay fears. We are also committed to ensuring social justice is in place for those families who need it.