

BYOD

At Wirreanda Secondary School, education has changed drastically in recent years and practices continue to evolve and develop. Many of the drivers for these changes come from the 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 continuously as has teaching and learning.
- As teachers, our roles are more about setting challenges, coaching and assisting students to find information and come up with possible solutions to problems themselves.
- BYOD gives authority to students to drive their own learning as education 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

- Wirreanda Secondary School invests in Wi-Fi, the infrastructure and specialist equipment that provides digitally enhanced opportunities and skills that open doors into areas of employment previously out of 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 – Future Focussed Learning and the IT Support team 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.