

Taminmin College BYOD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD is a program whereby students will be able to bring their own personal device to school to use as their primary technological device. BYOD is designed to give you, as families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and your circumstances.

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

The devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the student/ family.

What types of devices can my child bring to school?

Students may bring devices such as laptops, netbooks or tablets. Devices such as Nintendo DS and Sony PSPs are considered gaming devices and are not part of the BYOD program. Each device will be required to meet the minimum specifications to enable access to all learning materials.

What will be provided by the school?

The school will provide access to wireless Internet to students within the school that will be filtered in the same way that access is managed at present. If students connect using their 3G or 4G connection then this will bypass the filtering and the student will be unable to access the school's network. The school is not responsible for content viewed by the student if the device is connected to 3G or 4G.

Students who bring their own device will have access to download Microsoft Office 365 which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote and more. Providing the student with unlimited free cloud storage through OneDrive for Business, users will be able to continue to work on their Office documents when offline, and their documents will re-synchronise when next online.

Students will also have access to Papercut Client, Adobe BYOD package, and Clickview Online. Information on how to download these programs is available on our website.

As a parent, am I required to add additional software (virus protection, filter, tracking device etc.) to my child's technology tool?

Yes. All applicable devices that connect to the internet will need to have antivirus software installed.

Will there be a permission form that needs to be signed before a student brings their own device to school?

Yes parents will need to sign the BYOD agreement before students can use the device within the school.

How will theft, loss, or damage of a personally owned device be handled in a school?

The guidelines for the BYOD program specifically address the risk of students bringing their own devices to school. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.

Will there be technical assistance provided to access the wireless network or to assist with the use of BYOD devices?

Since there are literally hundreds of devices that could be brought to school as part of the BYOD program, there is no technical assistance provided other than providing the name of the wireless connection.

Will students be able to recharge devices during the school day?

Students are expected to bring a fully charged device to school daily.

How will students be able to print?

The ability to print from personal devices will be via papercut webprint or universal printing.

How will these devices be used in the classroom?

Students will use their devices for a variety of activities which will vary from class to class. Activities may include (but are not limited to): complete in class activities, undertake research for projects, access websites with curriculum-related content, keep track of classroom assignments, and record journal entries and other approved instructional activities.

What if my child does not own a device?

It is not mandatory for students to bring a device, even if they do own one. Students who do not participate in the BYOD program will still have access to utilise one of the schools netbooks under the existing school laptop scheme.