

## Taminmin College Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

### Introduction

With the evolution of technology, the nature of teaching and learning is changing. No longer do students sit at a desk and learn from the blackboard. At Taminmin College, we are endeavouring to create flexible learning environments that facilitate collaborative and individual learning by introducing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program.

The implementation of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, will empower students and give them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning.

### Objectives

- 1) To encourage students to bring their own personal device, within the required specifications to school to support and further their education
- 2) To provide a safe environment for students in the use of technology during school hours
- 3) To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility
- 4) To enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons
- 5) To provide the opportunity for teachers to continue to tailor lesson delivery to enable students to use their devices in class

### Actions

#### (A) Students and Parents/Carers

- All students will be given the opportunity to bring their own personal device to school and access the school's wifi network
- The device must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the minimum specifications provided. Any devices that do not meet the specifications will not be permitted access to the school networks and services
- Internet access will be provided to students at no cost
- The student is absolutely and solely responsible for the care and maintenance of their own personal device whilst at school, or travelling to and from school. This includes but is not limited to:
  - ♦ Managing battery life and regular charging of their device
  - ♦ Labelling the device for identification purposes
  - ♦ Ensuring the device is safe and secure throughout the school day
  - ♦ Maintaining up to date anti-virus software and operating system on their device
  - ♦ Purchasing insurance cover for their device for protection from theft, loss or accidental damage
- Parents and students must read and sign the **BYOD User Charter** which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of personal devices, **prior to** bringing the device to school for the first time.

- Students must follow the teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their device in class. Use of the students own device in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher

## **(B) Teachers**

- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of the students' devices in their classrooms where they deem appropriate.
- Teachers will be responsible for supervising students in the safe use of devices online
- Teachers will not be expected to provide technical support for student devices or operating systems

## **(C) Taminmin College**

Taminmin College will:

- Maintain a **BYOD Equity Policy** to ensure all students, regardless of their family's financial situation, have access to computing resources that are required by their coursework
- Provide a **BYOD User Charter** to list the expectations and responsibilities of each student and their parents/carers in the BYOD program
- Ensure a copy of the **BYOD User Charter** is signed by each student and their parents/carers
- Publish a device specification that outlines the requirements of the BYOD program devices including:
  - ♦ Operating system
  - ♦ Network connectivity
  - ♦ Processor
  - ♦ Physical size
  - ♦ Battery life
  - ♦ Security
- Provide a wireless network with filtered internet connection to which students may connect their personal device
- Accept no responsibility for any damage, loss or theft to a student's personal device. Students who bring their own devices to school do so at their own risk
- Not provide any technical support for personal devices

Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a student's personal device contains inappropriate material which breaches the BYOD Agreement, the teacher may temporarily confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material, school disciplinary action may be taken, or the incident referred to the police.