

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

Fremantle College has a focus on contemporary, real world learning in classrooms, and in particular the cross curricular applications that occur between Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. Information and communication technologies are fast and automated, interactive and multimodal, they transform the ways that students can learn and give them greater control over how, where and when they learn. In a digital age, and with rapid and continuing changes in the ways that people share, use, develop and communicate with ICT (Information Communication Technology), young people need to be highly skilled in its use. As an essential component in all work environments, it is essential that children have the skills to use a range of contemporary ICT platforms.

To allow children to build the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to make ICT work for them at home, at work, in their communities and in classroom learning it is requested by most secondary schools that they bring their own digital device to school (**BYOD**).

Fremantle College would like all students entering Year 7 to purchase a **Hewlett Packard (HP Stream-11) laptop or a laptop with similar specifications and capabilities**. The HP Stream-11 includes Windows 10 and 1TB of One Drive storage, the device has an 11.6 inch display, two USB ports, HDMI output, webcam, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. If parents choose to purchase an alternative device you should consider one with the following specifications:

- Dual Core (2Ghz) Processor (minimum) ie Intel Celeron processor
- 4Gb RAM
- 2 USB ports
- Windows 10
- Dual Band Wireless (preferred)
- 128Gb SSD Hard Drive (preferred)

Software: Antivirus ie McAfee, Norton. Microsoft 365 is provided by the Department of Education.

Parents should consider devices that include a replacement warranty. Students are to also purchase a USB storage device (minimum 4GB) for their files and backup. The Department of Education will network your child's laptop and supply them with MS Office. It is recommended that devices are clearly labelled, or engraved with the student's name, to avoid confusion or loss/theft. A protective lightweight sleeve or carry bag is also recommended.

The college will provide access to online services provided by the Department of Education. These increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and enhance the learning opportunities available to students. Students having their **own laptop** will enable them to have access to the Department of Education's online classroom learning environment, *Connect*, as well as other learning systems.

Fremantle College will provide assistance to students to connect to the school network however cannot be responsible for repairs, virus removal, loss or theft of the device, although every precaution will be taken in our planning to minimise these risks.

Students are required to bring their device to school from the beginning of the year, unless otherwise advised. At the start of the school year, the college will organise for the devices to be connected to the school network and will have the ***Fremantle College Bring your Own Device and Computer Acceptable Use Policy*** explained to them. The agreement (on back page) needs to first be returned with student and parent signatures with the full enrolment package. Students may not bring any other device to school as we wish to ensure the integrity of the Fremantle College ICT framework, to use suitable monitoring software to ensure no inappropriate sites are accessed and to have no social divide on levels and cost of machines.

Questions relating to the college's BYOD Policy can be directed to Janelle Mittonette, Associate Principal at Janelle.Mittonette@education.wa.edu.au