



## **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy**

Today's students are entering a world with ever-changing technology, and it is important that they are continually increasing their own knowledge of digital literacy and technological competency. The skills necessary for engagement in life-long learning, developing an autonomous approach to their own academic progress and future achievements are enhanced through use of an approved device that supports them in their educational journey.

Fremantle College requires all students entering Year 7 to purchase a device that can be used for classroom and online learning, enabling the effective integration of technology into learning programs.

A range of devices are available at JB HiFi and can be purchased online through the online portal: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/?code=FREOBYOD22>

A representative from JB HiFi will be available to speak with families at our Year 7 Parent Information Night on 1 December.

The Department of Education will provide Microsoft Office 365, and it is recommended that students purchase their own antivirus software. The college will provide access to online services provided by the Department of Education, including the *Connect* online learning environment, which increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and enhance the learning opportunities available to students.

All devices are the responsibility of the student and should be clearly labelled, or engraved with the student's name, to avoid confusion or loss/theft. A protective sleeve or carry bag is recommended. Fremantle College does not take responsibility for repairs, virus removal, loss or theft of a student's device; personal warranty plans may be purchased through JB HiFi.

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# **BYOD Frequently Asked Questions**

## *How do I decide which of the recommended devices to buy?*

There are several considerations when it comes to choosing a student device including cost, weight, battery life, screen size and functionality. Please also consider how your child may utilise their device outside of school.

## *When and how is Microsoft Office 365 installed?*

The Department of Education will provide access to Windows 365 once your child has been issued with a valid Department of Education email address.

## *Do I need virus protection?*

We recommend all devices have suitable antivirus software. A device should only run one virus protection at a time.

## *Who owns the device?*

The device belongs to your child/family, however all students must comply with the Online Services Acceptable Use Policy.

## *What happens if my child's device is lost or damaged whilst at school?*

Students and caregivers have full responsibility for the care and use of their own device. The student is responsible for safety of their device whilst at school. Fremantle College does not accept responsibility for any damage or loss that occurs. It is important that parents explore options in relation to warranty and insurance of the device.

## *Should all students have access to their own device for school?*

Fremantle College strongly encourages all students to bring their own device to assist in engaging with all learning opportunities.

## *Will my child use their device in every lesson?*

There are some teaching areas that use devices regularly, whereas other areas may not. Curriculum delivery incorporating the use of available technologies is continually being refined to enrich the learning experience for the students.

## *What will my child use the device for?*

This will vary according to the subjects however some examples of use include accessing online platforms such as Connect and Education Perfect, researching topics on the internet, presentations and homework tasks.

## *Will Fremantle College help students with their devices?*

Students will be provided instructions and guidance on various functions, for example how to download Connect, access the internet and set up Department of Education email addresses. Technical support is not provided for hardware or software problems that may occur with the device, and this remains the responsibility of families.