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. The BYOD Program at Fremantle College supports students to become world ready, equipped with the skills and knowledge to contribute positively to the 21st Century.

BYOD Requirements:
All students entering Fremantle College are required to purchase a device that can be used for classroom and online learning, enabling the effective integration of technology into learning programs.

Device Requirements:
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=FREOBYOD24

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.

Expected Behaviours:
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. Devices can be covered whilst at school by Home and Contents insurance.

Teachers will ensure that all applicable work is made available on Connect, where possible, for easy access at school or home. Teachers will also ensure that BYOD use is encouraged and promoted in all lessons and will communicate explicit expectations for how BYOD are used clearly to students each lesson.

While at the college, students will:
- Use the BYO Device in a responsible manner adhering to the **Online Services Acceptable Use Policy**.
- Comply with instructions from teachers. Teachers will decide when students will use the BYO Device in class.
- Bring the BYO Device to school each day, charged and ready for use.
- Use the BYO Device for educational purposes in line with the College's learning programs.
- Have all the applications required for use, downloaded and ready to be used.
- Not leave the BYO Device unattended.

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Students will manage their device safety by:
- Ensuring it has a carry case or in the instance of a tablet device, a fully enclosed case. A separate padded compartment for chargers and accessories (dongles, storage, etc.) is recommended.
- Always keeping your bag with you or in a secure place. Bags should be placed in safe place whilst in classrooms to reduce the chance that devices are stepped on while not in use.
- Treat your bag gently when your device is inside.

While at home, students are expected to:
- Ensure the BYO Device is fully charged at home ready for use at college
- Take the BYO Device to college each day (on days that it is required)
- Use the BYO Device to organise, review and complete homework and connect to the college's online resources and learning programs.

Backing up Data:
It is the student's responsibility to regularly backup data stored on the BYO Device. The college will not be responsible for any lost data on the BYO Device. Backup strategies include saving data from the BYO Device to the student's network account on the college's network, Cloud storage solutions, or use a USB drive.

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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.