



CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

At Concord High School we have a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy. BYOD refers to students bringing their own devices to school to use in the classroom. The BYOD approach encourages the development of future focused learning skills for students. We have been excited about this initiative as it allows students the opportunity to continue their learning inside and outside of the traditional classroom, giving them greater access to information and learning.

The BYOD approach enables families the freedom to utilise devices which they already have or with which they are familiar, providing that they meet the required specifications. Expert advice and student feedback indicates that although iPads are very popular in primary school, for high school use students find a laptop able to cater for a wider range of activities, better for connectivity and printing, and sturdier. They are therefore highly recommended as more appropriate in the long term for secondary school students. Attached is a sheet of specifications.

Access to the internet will be through the school Wi-Fi network. While using the school's wireless network, the devices will be protected by web filtering via the Department of Education (there should be no 3G, 4G or 5G access).

Students and families are required to sign a Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Agreement that sets out how the device can be used at school. A member of the school staff, the Technical Support Officer, is available to answer questions and to give assistance by providing information about appropriate devices. However, the school does not manage, support, own or warranty the device. This is the responsibility of students and their families.

We recognise that some families may experience financial challenges in affording a BYO Device. These families are invited to contact the Principal to discuss options to ensure that your child has the necessary access to technology for learning. The school has developed an Equity Policy to operate alongside our BYOD Policy. The Equity Policy outlines a number of strategies the school may take, in consultation with families, to augment access to information and communication technologies. This policy together with the BYOD Policy and Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Agreement can be located on the school website.

If you require further information, please contact the school.



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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE – DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

All students are expected to bring their own **Windows or Mac laptop** to school. Chromebooks, tablets such as iPads and mobile phones are not suitable. Below are the minimum specifications.

Wireless connectivity: 5GHz 802.11n support, which may be advertised as “Dual Band Wireless”, “802.11abgn”, “802.11agn”, “802.11ac” or “Gigabit Wireless”.

Operating system: Microsoft Windows 10 or newer; Apple MacOS X 11 or newer

Software and apps:

- Web browser such as Microsoft Edge, Chrome or Safari
- All NSW public school students have access to Google Apps for Education and Microsoft Office 365, which includes software for word processing, spreadsheets and presentations. Students will be shown how to access these software applications at school by their teachers.
- Devices running Windows and Mac operating systems have in-built antivirus software. Families may choose to install additional antivirus and malware software if they wish.
- Some subjects, assessments and competitions may require students to install additional software and apps such as lockdown browsers. The coordinating teacher will support students to do this.

Battery life: Minimum 6 hours

RAM and memory: Minimum 8GB RAM and 128 GB storage

CPU: i5

Accessories: Students are required to bring earphones or headphones to use under teacher instruction. Students can bring a wireless mouse if they choose. Students can bring their laptop charger if they wish to charge their laptops under teacher instruction.