



Smithfield State High School

Smithfield State High School - 'Bring Your Own Device' Equity Policy

Rationale

The Smithfield State High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program imposes a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. Smithfield State High School takes seriously the role of public education in ensuring all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOD Equity Policy is to establish the framework for the BYOD program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their families' financial means.

Actions

Smithfield State High School will:

1. Ensure the BYOD Program's Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in varying capability and cost are offered and meet the minimum specification.
2. Assess applications for assistance in meeting the requirements of the BYOD program on a case-by-case basis. Due consideration will be given to all the facts of the matter, including:
 - The level of assistance requested.
 - Existing disbursements from the Student Assistance Scheme.
 - The Year of the student.
 - The subjects the student undertakes.
 - The technology already available to the student at school and at home.
3. Consult with the parent/carer to determine what form any assistance will take.
4. Consider a range of alternatives for providing device access for students, including:
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
 - Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.
5. Make a written agreement between the school, student and parent/carer that specifies the arrangements for facilitating access to technological resources.

Students and Parents/Carers:

1. Consider options for the purchase of equipment that meets the Device Specification. The school will endeavour to offer a broad selection of devices which meet specification
2. If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification:
 - The school will liaise with you, your student and his teachers to identify the most appropriate way to address the issue
 - You will be asked to make an agreement with the school that confirms the alternative arrangements made for your student's access to technological resources.
3. The school will not purchase a device to assign to your student nor will the school make a device available for permanent or semi-permanent loan. In substitution of a personal device, the school will consider options including:
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
 - Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.