

### Rationale

Nowra Christian School values the rich learning experiences that technology enables. The appropriate use of such technology is encouraged in our school's strategic plan. By facilitating a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, we are empowering our students and giving them appropriate access to use technology in their central component of their learning journey. At the same time, BYOD enables teachers to integrate the use of technology into their 21st-century teaching strategies and to fulfil the requirements of the curriculum.

### Details

#### Students and Parents/Carers

- All students in Years 7 - 12 are expected to bring a computing device to school each day from the commencement of Term 1, 2019. These personal devices must meet the NCS device specifications 2019 as outlined in the BYOD information booklet. These devices are to be brought to school on a daily basis for individual use.
- Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents/carers must read and sign the Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device.
- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's Cyber Safety Policy, Acceptable Communication (online) Policy (Students) and the Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract. They must also complete the Onboarding Process with the ICT Department.
- Students must follow teachers' directions in relation to the appropriate use of their devices in class.
- Each student is solely responsible for the care and appropriate use of their personal device whilst:
  - at school or at other school activities
  - travelling to and from school or to and from other school activities.

#### Teachers

- Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of student devices in their classes where deemed appropriate. The use of these devices in class remains at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- Teachers should follow standard disciplinary procedures should a student not bring their device.

#### Nowra Christian School

NCS will:

- maintain a BYOD Equity Policy to ensure that all students, regardless of their family's financial circumstances, have access to the appropriate computing resources.

- provide an Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract that lists the responsibilities and expectations of students and parents/carers.
- ensure a copy of the Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract is signed by each student and their parents/carers before students are given permission to access the school's Wifi with their devices.
- publish a device specification that describes the requirements for devices brought to school
- provide a wireless network with a filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their devices
- provide initial support to allow students to connect their devices to school Wifi
- accept no responsibility for loss or damage to, or for the maintenance and repair of, a student's personal device, however such damage/loss may occur.

## Related Documents

Cyber Safety Policy

Secondary Discipline Policy

Excellent Digital Citizenship

Excellent Digital Citizenship Contract

Acceptable communication (online) Policy (Students)

BYOD Equity Policy