



1st February 2023

Bring Your Own Learning Device (BYOD) Program

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As part of our strong and ongoing commitment to teaching and learning excellence, the Opportunity Class will continue our Bring Your Own Learning Device (BYOD) program in 2023. BYOD refers to students having the opportunity to bring a personally owned and school-approved learning device to school for the purpose of learning. ***This is not compulsory and the class will still have access to school technology.***

The school will provide connectivity for compatible devices through the school's wireless network.

What are the educational benefits of students having their own device at school?

- Development of learning skills such as problem solving, collaborating and communicating,
- Development of key competencies in utilising hardware and software applications,
- The ability to easily move between school and home learning settings.

It is important that devices brought by students are suitable for use at school. Devices must have Microsoft Office Suite or compatible word processing software and Adobe Acrobat or compatible PDF reader. Your class teacher may be able to suggest useful Apps such as word processing and web browsing on tablet devices. Please be aware that some older Android devices will not work on the school's wireless network. Acceptable devices include iPad or Windows tablet and laptop computer. Please ask the classroom teacher if you are unsure.

Wyong Public School has made the decision that mobile phones/smartphones or iPods will not be a part of the BYOD program as these devices do not support extended periods of typing. They would allow (through 3G networks) unfiltered web content and could provide distraction from learning activities. Students are permitted to bring phones to school for contact with parents during transport before and after school, however these are collected and locked away for the duration of the school day. They are returned to students at the end of the day.

All students accessing the BYOD program will be bound by the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy. Please refer to the DOE link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>

Participating students and their parents will be asked to sign the student participation agreement and comply with the BYOD Rules for Students. Students will be solely responsible for their own devices. The school will take no responsibility for loss or damage to devices.

We appreciate your support and participation in this program. We will keep you informed and look forward to your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Bishop/Mrs A Carter
Teachers

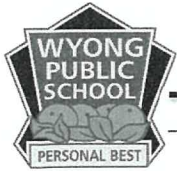
Damien Borrow
Principal (Relieving)



Wyong Public School Rules for BYOD

1. Technology in the classroom will only be used when the teacher gives express permission. When a teacher says 'tech off' all devices are to be turned off and remain so until the teacher asks for them to be used.
2. Teacher instructions are to be followed at all times.
3. Students are not to touch the device of any other student.
4. Students are to abide by the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy at all times. Please refer to the DOE link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>
5. No photos or videos of people, objects or activities are to be taken without the express permission of the class teacher. This rule applies in the classroom or anywhere in the school grounds during both class time, playground breaks and bus lines.
6. Students are responsible for looking after their own devices at all times.
7. Devices are not to be taken to, or used on the playground.

Failure to abide by these rules will be dealt with under the school's Anti-bullying policy and *Good Discipline and Effective Learning Plan* and may include withdrawal of the right to participate in the BYOD program.



Student Participation Agreement

1. I have read and understood the Wyong Public School Rules for BYOD.
2. I have read and understood the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy.
3. I agree to abide by these rules and policy.
4. I understand that if I bring my personal device to school I am responsible for it at all times.
5. I understand that if I do not abide by the Wyong Public School Rules for BYOD or the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service policy, there will be consequences in line with the school's Anti-bullying policy and *Good Discipline and Effective Learning Plan* and my permission to participate in the BYOD program may be withdrawn.

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Agreement

1. I agree to allow my child _____ to bring his/her personal device to school for teaching and learning activities.
2. I understand that my child is responsible for his/her device. Students will be solely responsible for their own devices.
3. I understand the school will take no responsibility for loss or damage to devices.
4. I have read and understood the Wyong Public School Rules for BYOD and have discussed them with my child.
5. I have read and understood or the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy and have discussed it with my child. Please refer to the DOE link below:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools>
6. I understand that if my child does not abide by the Wyong Public School Rules for BYOD or the DOE Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Service Policy, there will be consequences in line with the school's Anti-bullying policy and *Good Discipline and Effective Learning Plan* and my permission to participate in the BYOD program may be withdrawn.

Parent name(s): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____