

Wynnum SHS - BYOD FAQs



What is BYOD?

BYOD stands for "Bring Your Own Device". This means that students bring a personal device (i.e. a tablet or laptop) to school for their classwork. Please note that the term BYOD and BYOX are interchangeable.

Is the BYOD program compulsory?

Yes, however we will be transitioning to full BYOD which means each year level may have different requirements. The full rollout is indicated below.

	2024	2025	2026
Year 7	BYOD - iPADS	BYOD - iPADS	BYOD - iPADS
Year 8	BYOD - iPADS	BYOD - iPADS	BYOD - iPADS
Year 9	BYOD - Laptops	BYOD - iPADS	BYOD - iPADS
Year 10	Laptops 1:1	BYOD – laptops	BYOD – laptops (students may continue to use their iPads if their subjects do not require the use of a laptop)
Year 11	Laptops 1:1 OR BYOD Laptops	Laptops 1:1 OR BYOD Laptops	BYOD – laptops
Year 12	Laptops 1:1 OR BYOD Laptops	Laptops 1:1 OR BYOD Laptops	Laptops 1:1 OR BYOD Laptops

What type of device is required?

For students in years 7 and 8 in 2024 the device required is an iPad. For students in years 9 to 12 in 2024 the device required is a laptop. See the table above for more detail.

To ensure any BYOD device functions as required on the network the school advises any purchased BYOD device meets our specifications as stated on the school website [Link to specifications](#)

Please note Chromebooks and Android devices are not supported on the school network or the BYOD program.

Can my year 7/8 student bring a laptop instead of an iPad?

Students in year 7 and 8 will need to bring an iPad. The advantages of an iPad over a traditional laptop are many and include:

For students: - increased productivity, versatility, intuitive interface, smaller/lighter/longer battery life, easily share work, manage own behaviour through focus app, access to education apps.

For teachers: - Keep students focused through Classroom App even when doing different things, versatility for teaching, easily share work, access to education apps.

For parents: - Classroom App gives detail on what students are accessing in class, Screen Time allows parents to manage how students spend time on their device, less expensive than a laptop, family sharing to manage permissions, downloads.

What help and support is provided?

The school offers first-level diagnostic support for student owned laptops and tablets at our IT help desk. Students can get IT support for their device from 8:00am in the morning and during breaks in the library. However, warranty, security, insurance and maintenance are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Will Apple products work with the school network?

Yes. Apple products will work with the school network. Years 7 and 8 students will be using iPads. Students in year levels using laptops can use a Mac if preferred.

What operating systems will not work with the school network?

Android, Linux, ChromeOS, Windows RT and Windows 8.1 or older will not work on our BYOD Wi-Fi. Windows 10 "S" Mode devices should be updated to standard Windows 10.

Where do I purchase a BYOD computer/tablet?

Computers can be purchased locally from many stores like JB HiFi, Officeworks, Harvey Norman. All of these locations do have BYOD plans available. Use the device specifications as a guide when purchasing a device.

For your convenience, the school has a vendor portal for JBHiFi on the school website that offers devices which match our requirements.

However, the school highly recommends that Onsite Warranty and Accidental Damage Protection Insurance are purchased with the device as the cost of repairs can be extremely expensive.

What if I cannot afford a new device?

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may be suitable for 3-4 years and when viewed this way, the cost is significantly less.

Families who are experiencing financial hardship can apply for an equity device through the school. [Equity iPad Request Form](#)

What other costs are involved?

There are no additional fees charged to families for BYOD except for a small increase in the student resource scheme payment. The additional charge relates to software/apps paid for by the school, IT service centre help and day loans when BYOD devices are in for repair.

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Will the device be safe at school?

Device safety is important at Wynnum State High School. As the school does not own your BYO Devices we cannot provide warranty for them, however, students who look after their devices with care, rarely have issues.

If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, the school recommends specific accidental damage insurance for the device. In some cases, you can specifically list the item on your home contents insurance, or you can purchase an Accidental Damage Insurance plan for your student's device.

How much time will my child spend on their device?

Devices are tools for learning used along with all the other tools available at school and home (e.g. pen, paper, calculators, books). Students' devices will be used when they add to the learning and enhance the experience. Students are typically engaged in a range of activities in all classes and all year levels and participate in kinaesthetic (hands-on) learning in a variety of their classes. The amount of homework given will vary depending on a range of factors. If you feel your child is spending too much time completing homework then please confirm homework tasks with their teacher.

Do you have advice about online safety?

Up to date and comprehensive advice on online safety for you and your children can be found below.

For students please visit : www.esafety.gov.au

For Parents please visit: www.esafety.gov.au/parents

Will my child still learn how to handwrite?

Yes. Computers and iPads will not replace handwriting at Wynnum State High School. Teachers will be using the most appropriate mode of communication based upon on the learning opportunity. We do recommend devices with touchscreens and stylus support, so students can handwrite when it is required. However, pen and paper will be required for each lesson.

Do I need to buy Antivirus software for my device?

Windows 10/11 devices have an inbuilt program called Windows Defender which protects the device against threats. All other computers need to have Antivirus software installed and be up to date. This will be checked prior to connecting to the network.

The antivirus software must be a full version not a trial version. The following are not supported anti-virus software programs: trial versions, AVG, Avast, Kapersky, Bitdefender and Windows Firewall.

Can my child charge their device at school?

We recommend students have a device with all day battery life so they can leave their chargers at home. This will ensure their charger is not lost or damaged.

Students who need to charge their device will need to go to the Resource Centre during a break NOT in class time. Charging of devices is not allowed within a classroom due to workplace health and safety: cable hazard/risk(s).

My device has been damaged at school. Who pays for it and what is the process?

The owner of the device looks after the device. The school will assist in school-based consequences for students who have intentionally damaged other students' property as per school policy. All repairs or replacement of device is the responsibility of the device owner and we recommend purchasing Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) and a protective case for this reason.