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## **Garden Suburb Public School – Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy**

This document provides advice and direction to Garden Suburb Public School parents and students who choose to use a Bring Your Own Device to access the Department of Education's wireless network. While the policy is intended to be as comprehensive as possible, there will inevitably be some situations that are not specifically covered. In these circumstances, the Principal or their delegate will decide the appropriate course to take in the circumstances.

### **Rationale**

Garden Suburb Public School is committed to deliver an innovative, challenging curriculum that values the role of digital technology in learning. Garden Suburb Public School BYOD initiative provides the opportunity for our students to develop and enhance the skills necessary to be engaged future focused learners. Through learning experiences, students will endeavour to become self-directed learners, critical and creative thinkers and collaborative team players. (While BYOD is not compulsory, students will be allowed and encouraged to bring ICT devices to school for learning).

### **Objectives**

- To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by students in Years 5 & 6 for use in their education.
- To provide a safe environment for students to access technology.
- To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility.
- To enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.
- To provide a basis on which Garden Suburb Public School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.

### **Policy Conditions**

In order for students to participate in the BYOD initiative at Garden Suburb Public School, parents and students must adhere to the conditions outlined in this policy and the BYOD Student Agreement. Before a device can be brought to school, the student agreement must be signed and returned to their classroom teacher.

- The term 'device' within this document is in reference to a personal laptop. Mobile phones, iPads & iPods are not permitted as a BYO Device.
- The student takes full responsibility for his or her device. While every effort is made to ensure their security, the school and its staff take no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the device either at school or in travel to and from school. Parents are strongly advised to make their own arrangements regarding insurance and cover for accidental damage.
- The personal device must be solely the students to use throughout the school day.
- Schools are not obliged to provide hardware or technical support for devices.
- Parents and Carers are responsible for ensuring the operating system and all software on their device is legally and appropriately licensed.
- Access to the internet is provided through the school's Wi-Fi network at no cost to students enrolled in NSW Public Schools. Each student will be able to login through the Department

- of Education's portal using their username and password. Devices that allow access through alternative networks (e.g. 3G/4G) must be disabled while on school grounds.
- Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data, which breaches the BYOD Agreement, they may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary action may also be appropriate.
- The principal retains the right to determine what is and is not appropriate use of a device within the bounds of NSW privacy and other legislation.

### **Storage, Safety and Security of Devices**

- Devices must be registered with the class teacher; once it has been registered it will be allowed at school.
- The school will ensure that all classrooms containing devices are locked when the classroom is unattended.
- Students will be educated in safe handling practices by their class teacher (it is highly recommended that students use a protective carry case when their device is not in use).
- The school strongly recommends insurance for Bring Your Own Devices.
- Under no circumstances should a device be left at school overnight.

### **Supporting Policies**

- Student Bring Your Own Device Policy (NSW Department of Education)  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/student-bring-your-own-device-policy-byod>
- *Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students*  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/online-communication-services-acceptable-usage-for-school-students>