



PANANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Dear Parent/Carer,

Building on the successful BYOD program over the last few years, we have now extended this program across all Stage 3 classes.

We recognise the need to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world, where technology plays a large role in our personal, social and professional lives. We have made the decision to offer students the option of using a personally owned device (iPad, chromebook or laptop) within our school learning environment. Commencing on Monday, 25 March students in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) will be permitted to bring a device to school to use in class to enhance their learning. We are calling this our "BYOD" (Bring Your Own Device) Program.

Please be assured this is entirely optional and your child will not be disadvantaged if they are not able to bring a device to school. Attached is the **BYOD Student Agreement** and a **Frequently Asked Question Sheet** on the BYOD Program.

Our objective with this initiative is to promote greater independence, increased academic engagement and a higher level of skill development for all students. Our goal is to prepare your child to connect, collaborate and compete as an ethical citizen in a future-focused learning environment.

We appreciate your ongoing support and participation in the BYOD strategy. If you have any questions about the program and/or use of student-owned devices, please feel free to contact the school.

Mrs S Palmer,
Principal.
18/3/2019

Mrs S Apostolovski,
Stage 3 Assistant Principal.

Panania Public School BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I have to purchase a device?

A. No. BYOD is not mandatory. It is optional. The school has the capacity to supply a limited number of iPads for student use in each classroom. Students are encouraged to bring and try their device to see if it is compatible with DoE frameworks.

Q. What happens if my child's device is lost or stolen?

A. Any damage or loss to a device that a student brings to school will be the student's responsibility. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. Families may choose to consider purchasing insurance and/or extended warranty for the device.

Q. Can the device be charged at school?

A. Most classroom have the capacity to charge devices if required, however, students should make sure their devices are fully charged every day. It is recommended that devices should last 6 hours without being charged.

Q. Will there be a place at school for devices to be stored when they are not being used?

A. Before or after school, devices should be stored in student's bags. Once the school day has commenced, when students are not in class, their devices will be locked securely inside the classrooms.

Q. Will there be an internet filter applied when the device is used at school?

A. While at school, students will be restricted by the NSW Department of Education filtered internet service. All social media sites and inappropriate sites are blocked while students are at school. Students will be instructed not to access their own 3G/4G networks while at school.

Q. Will I be able to put on my own apps or programs onto my device, other than the ones the school has asked for?

A. Yes. Parents and students are allowed to install their own apps, programs, iBooks and other publications on their devices. These are at the discretion of parents and students.

Q. Do students still have to bring exercise books and text books to school?

A. Yes. A device is another tool for learning just like all other equipment. Students will still be required to bring exercise books and writing materials in addition to their device.

Q. Do students have to bring their devices to school every day?

A. Yes, from Monday – Thursday, the device is part of a student's equipment set for learning. Students will be expected to bring their device fully charged to school every day (apart from Friday).

‘Bring Your Own Device’ Program Device 2019 Specifications

The device should meet the following requirements:

Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad air (Preferably not an iPad mini)• Windows laptops, ultrabooks or chromebooks
Physical Dimensions	Minimum Screen Size as per iPad
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple devices that are within the last 2 versions, with at least 32GB of storage• IOS 9 or above• Windows device – ideally Intel Core i3, Core i5 or Core i7 with at least 128GB of storage
Wireless Compatibility (WiFi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dual Band WiFi access, 2.4Ghz or 5Ghz dual bank wireless to access the school network• iPad has built in Wi-Fi
Education Software/Apps <i>(please note that many of these apps come free with the iPad or are free to download from the iTunes store)</i>	<p>Ideally, devices should be able to run programs such as Microsoft Office and install apps as needed during school time eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pages• Keynote• Numbers• iMovie• Garageband• Popplet• Mathletics• Showbie
Additional Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Casing that is tough and sturdy• Carry case or skin to protect the device• Theft Recovery (Find iPhone App)



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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

Panania Public School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world where technology plays an increasing role in our students' everyday lives. As such, students will be allowed to bring their own device to school provided they meet the specifications outlined in the BYOD guidelines. Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the Principal.

I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD guidelines and that:

- ☐ I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- ☐ I will use my device during school activities at the direction of the teacher.
- ☐ I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.
- ☐ I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- ☐ I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- ☐ I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.
- ☐ I will not take photos, video or sound recordings of other students and staff members without their knowledge or consent. I will not transmit or post photos, video, sound recording or other files at school or outside school without the direct permission of the teacher.
- ☐ I will not upload any photos, video, audio or other files created at school to social media websites.
- ☐ I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access, share or send anything that is:
 - offensive
 - pornographic (inappropriate)
 - threatening
 - abusive
 - defamatory
 - considered to be bullying.
- ☐ I understand that any device confiscated by a staff member from a student, who does not abide by this agreement, will be kept in the School Office and need to be collected by a parent of that student.



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- ☐ I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
- ☐ I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft, of my device.
- ☐ I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.
- ☐ I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
- ☐ I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
- ☐ I have read and will abide by the NSW Department of Education *Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students (attached)*.

_____ in the presence of _____
Student Name Parent/Carer Name

Student Signature Parent/Carer Signature

Date: ____ / ____ / ____