Dear Parents/Carers,

**Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program**

In 2014, Newtown High School of the Performing Arts will be trialling a ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) program for Year 9 students. This program is to replace the Digital Education Revolution student laptop program.

Students will be required to bring their own computing device to school every day. The personal devices acceptable for use would be laptops or tablets that meet the Device Specifications that are recommended by the school.

Please find attached the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) policy that provides a guideline regarding the minimum system requirements as well as the correct use of the device at school to ensure each student’s BYOD enhances their learning.

Students and their parents must read the policy and sign the BYOD Policy Acceptance that sets out the responsibilities and expectations for the use of the personal device at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. Student devices will need to be registered with the school prior to its use at school and registration of devices will commence from Week 4 of Term 1.

If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification recommended by the school due to financial reasons, please contact the school so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child’s access to technological resources.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have in regards to the BYOD program.

Thank you,

*Nilaufar Rajwar*
Relieving Deputy Principal

Date: 10th December 2013