Dear Parents/Carers,

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

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

The BYOD program will continue in 2015 with students in all years bringing 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 recommended device specifications and the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) policy that outlines 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. This signed acceptance of the policy is to be returned to the front office by the end of Week 4 (Friday 20 February).

Students will attend a presentation on digital citizenship and the appropriate use of the device at school. Instructions will also be provided at the talk for steps on logging into the DEC network. This will take place during the first few weeks of Term 1.

We encourage students to store their device in a locker when not in use (eg: sport and PE lessons). Lockers are available at the school for hire ($20 per year).

If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification recommended by the school due to financial reasons, please contact me 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 or send an email to byod@nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Thank you.

Nilaufer Rajwar
Deputy Principal

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