



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has adopted the Bring Your Own Device program where students can bring their own personal computing device to school every day. The devices acceptable for use would be laptops or tablets that meet the Device Specifications recommended by the school.

Please find attached our 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 device 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 2.

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, Student Portal, Email and Google Apps. This will take place during the first few weeks of Term 1.

The NSW Department of Education offers Microsoft and Adobe software free to students. Students are encouraged to register and download the software to their devices at home. More information about free software for students can be found on our website under the BYOD section.

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 with your questions.

Thank you,

Karl Pico
Deputy Principal