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BYOD Position Statement

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Position Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic College is a BYOD School (bring your own device). Upon enrolment, families agree to purchase their child a device in accordance with the specifications outlined below (note: Tablets and iPads are not permitted). There are many benefits to students having access to their own device, these include:

- BYOD encourages independent learners as students have all the necessary tools and resources at home or at school.
- BYOD learning offers relevant ways to support student learning that can be transferred to the workplace, including respectful, appropriate use of mobile devices.
- BYOD encourages students to be responsible for their belongings.
- BYOD learning is more portable, personal, collaborative, interactive, differentiated and contextual.
- BYOD learning creates a stronger connection between school and home.

Expected Outcomes

Students are required to bring their own laptop (in a case) to school every day fully charged so that it can be used in all classes. The College will continue to utilise the Google Apps for Education suite as its primary teaching and learning platform. All students at Good Shepherd are entitled to a free copy of Microsoft Office via the Office 365 Portal. Upon purchase, parents and guardians are encouraged to ensure there are appropriate insurances or accidental damage cover that will provide financial aid should damage occur to the device.

When using their devices students are expected to:

Show care by:

- participating in learning activities as directed by the teacher
- being careful around other students using/carrying devices

Be considerate by:

- not wasting resources, (e.g. unnecessary printing)
- not sending personal emails during class time
- using appropriate language and images in files accessed or created at school
- reporting computer problems to the teacher immediately
- reporting access to inappropriate internet sites or email immediately to their teacher

Be responsible by:

- not sharing their username and password with other students
- using computers for teaching and learning only
- immediately reporting all problems or offensive content to teachers
- maintaining confidentiality in electronic communication (e.g. not publishing residential addresses, email addresses, phone numbers or any other sensitive information)
- acting responsibly towards other students' work and equipment
- respecting copyright laws and citing information sources in a bibliography



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When using computers students should NOT:

- touch another student's device
- be outside of a classroom/library
- play games
- tamper with or remove parts of a computer
- visit inappropriate web sites
- send inappropriate email or attach offensive images or documents to email
- create Google files that have the potential to offend/upset others

Damage to a Device

The College accepts no responsibility for damage, loss or security of your child's BYOD (this includes accidental damage). If a student wilfully damages* another student's device, that family will incur the cost of the repair.

If a student wilfully damages a device the process is as follows:

1. The student will be withdrawn from class for one day
2. The College will contact both families, and the student/parent who is responsible for the damage will be required to pay for the repair.
3. The owner of the device will engage a repair company and provide a quote to the College.
4. The student/parent responsible for the damage will be contacted and required to pay for the repair/replacement of the device.
5. If upfront payment is not possible, a payment plan must be arranged through the repairer or with the parent of the damaged device.

**Wilful damage* could include but is not limited to:

- intentionally dropping/throwing a device;
- pushing/shoving/hitting a student holding a device;
- removing parts of the device;
- exposing a device to liquid and
- screen damage.



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GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC COLLEGE BYOD SPECIFICATIONS



	WINDOWS DEVICES		MAC OSX DEVICES
	MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED (GRAPHICS SUBJECTS)	MINIMUM
Operating System	Windows 10/11 Home/ Pro (Not in S Mode)	Windows 10/11 Home/Pro	Mac OSX Catalina or Newer (10.15)
Screen Size	12.00" or larger	12.00" or larger	12.00" or larger"
Battery Life	Minimum of 6 hours	Minimum of 6 hours	Minimum of 6 hours
Memory	8GB (strongly recommended)	8GB or higher	8GB or higher
Processor Type	Intel Celeron or better AMD Ryzen 3 or better	Intel Core i3 or higher AMD Ryzen or higher	Intel Core i3 or Apple M1
CPU Speed	1.4Ghz or higher	2.0Ghz or higher	1.6Ghz or higher
Storage	128GB SSD/HDD or higher	256GB SSD/HDD or higher	128GB SSD/HDD or higher
Software	Students must have Antivirus software installed on their device and are required to keep it regularly updated. Windows Defender comes pre-installed on windows 10/11	Students must have Antivirus software installed on their device and are required to keep it regularly updated. Windows Defender comes pre-installed on windows 10	Students must have Antivirus software installed on their device and are required to keep it regularly updated
Wireless Connectivity	802.11ac or higher (2.4Ghz and/or 5Ghz)	802.11ac or higher (2.4Ghz and/or 5Ghz)	802.11ac or higher (2.4Ghz and/or 5Ghz)