



Beerwah State High School

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Bring Your Own Device Program 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

There have been some major changes to the way students will access technology (Laptops and Tablets) for learning across Queensland schools. **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program** is a new pathway supporting the delivery of 21st century learning. **BYOD** is a term used to describe a digital device ownership model where students use their privately owned devices to access the network and information systems in an educational setting.

In 2017, as part of Beerwah State High Schools ICT plan to further introduce Digital Pedagogies into the classrooms, we will be expecting students to join the BYOD program. We will be maintaining some computer labs (typically for senior classes) for specialised programs however, we will be decreasing our aging laptop fleet as the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund has ceased.

We have developed a range of options to allow families flexibility to participate in an environment that will allow personalised learning opportunities.

If you already have an iPad or laptop at home, don't panic. Many of these devices will be suitable for use in the classroom and will save you having to purchase a new device. Check the minimum specifications outlined on our website before purchasing a new device.

Don't rule out leasing a device. There are a number of companies that offer this service. The device, warranty repairs and insurance are all bundled into an affordable weekly payment.

There will be an annual fee of \$20 to join the program. The connection fee allows a bubble of protection around student information, files and filter their online activity.

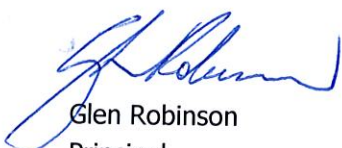
Students will also be able to access school lockers for the storage and safety of their devices.

Students will be provided with the opportunity to connect to the school Wi-Fi network when the following conditions have been met:

1. Payment of School Resource Scheme Levy (payment plan available)
2. Completion of BYOD Connectivity Request Form
3. Completion of the ICT Responsible Use Agreement
4. Check that the device that meet the school's specifications

Additional information regarding our BYOD program is available on our school website.

Regards



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