



William Ross State High School BYOx

Equity Device Policy

Rationale

The William Ross State High School *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* program imposes a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. William Ross State High School takes seriously the role of public education in ensuring all students have access to the same learning outcomes, particularly in relation to Digital Pedagogy and 21st Century Skills. The purpose of the BYOD Equity Policy is to establish the framework for the BYOD program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their families' financial means.

Scope

The William Ross State High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in 2026 includes the following cohorts with only students in the following cohorts eligible to loan an Equity Device as part of the *Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)* program

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 11
- Year 12

Actions

William Ross State High School will:

- Ensure the BYOD Program's Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in varying capability and cost are offered and meet the minimum specification.
- Consider a range of alternatives for providing device access for students, including:
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
 - Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.

Parents/carers will:

Consider options for the purchase of equipment that meets the *BYOD Device Specification*. The school will endeavour to offer a broad selection of devices which meet specification. If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification, in substitution of a personal device, the school will consider options including:

- Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
- Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
- Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.

- Be mindful that students accept and agree to all policies and agreements including the William Ross State High School Student Code of Conduct and William Ross State High School Computer License Agreement when loaning an equity device. These policies and can be found on our school website and are accepted upon enrolment.
- Understand that the device is not covered by any warranty or insurance. This means that the cost of repairs due to deliberate or repeated accidental damage will be passed on to the parent.

Students will:

- Follow the Equity Device Loaning Procedure including before school loaning times and after school return times.
- Ensure the Equity Device they loan is used responsibly and treated with respect through the day. Understand that the device is not covered by any warranty or insurance. This means that the cost of repairs due to deliberate or repeated accidental damage will be passed on to the parent.
- Report any accidental damage when it occurs.
- Not share or allow others to use the Equity Device you have loaned.

Damage to BYOD Equity Device

Any damage to a school owned BYOD Equity Device is to be reported immediately by the student. William Ross SHS views that accidental damage, may occur in some instances. Repeated accidental damage, theft or deliberate damage, determined on the balance of probability may result in:

- Student disciplinary action being taken in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct
- Student being excluded from borrowing a device for a timeframe to be determined by the Principal
- Parent/care givers being invoiced for the cost of the damaged Equity Device.

Equity Device Loaning Procedure



