BYOD. Frequently Asked Questions

What is BYOD?
Bring Your Own 'Device' (BYOD) means exactly that: students bring their own digital devices to school, for the purposes of learning. So instead of using school-owned ICT, students use their own. The BYOD concept recognises that students and their parents and caregivers would like to use the same digital devices at school and at home. Note that our BYOD program allows students to bring either a Windows or Mac device to school to support their learning.

Which device should I get?
If you already have a Windows laptop or iPad 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. Please check the minimum specifications outlined on our BYOD Fact Sheet. If you are looking to purchase a device, we suggest the following:

| Years 7, 8, 9 | Laptop (Windows or Apple). Minimum screen size: 11" |
| Years 10, 11, 12 | Laptop (windows or Apple). Minimum screen size: 13" |

Please Note: In Years 11 – 12, students enrolled in Information Technology Systems, Graphics, or Film and TV are recommended to purchase a device with a dedicated video card – high end devices. Computer labs will be made available for these classes.

Should I purchase a protective case for the device?
Yes, we strongly recommend that laptops and iPads be transported and stored in hardened, padded cases.

Do I need a 3/4G enabled device?
No, a Wi-Fi enabled device will be sufficient. Students may access the wireless network while on campus.

What software should I have on my device?
The device is yours, so installation of software is at your discretion. We do require that the following software is installed, as a minimum, to support the student's learning.
- Microsoft Office Suite (FREE download). Student will need their school login ID.
- Anti-virus software

Please note that other software installed on the device should be : age appropriate, abides by copyright laws and does not cause offence.

Does my device require antivirus software?
ALL students MUST have appropriate antivirus software installed on their device and are required to keep it regularly updated. Devices without antivirus software installed will NOT be joined / given access to the school's ICT resources. There are many antivirus software products available online that are free for personal use. Norton's Antivirus software is available through an Exclusive Security offer to Education Queensland students.

Can my child use an android-based or Chrome device in the classroom?
Unfortunately, students are currently unable to use android-based or Chrome devices at school. While the network provided by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) supports iPads, its compatibility with android and chrome devices is not supported.

Will BYOD students be placed in separate classes to students not participating in BYOD?
No, students will not be divided into classes on this basis.

What if I can't afford a device for my child?
If you are unable to purchase a device for your child, the school has a small supply of laptops available fro use. Please note though that these devices are five years or more in age, and while functional, they are almost at the end-of-life. Once all of these devices reach end-of-life, the school will not be replacing them.

Will my child automatically be able to participate in the BYOD program?
No. Participation is only be approved if all BYOD conditions are met and continue to be complied with.

Are there consequences for my child, if they misuse their personally owned device at school?
Yes. The consequence will depend on their action(s), and the relevant school policy. Possible consequences include but not limited to: login disabled, internet / network access restricted or disabled, confiscated device and suspension.