

Gilles Street Primary school BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) Policy

Rationale

At Gilles Street Primary School we believe that learning and learners are empowered by having access to a curriculum and tools that enable them to develop the skills of creativity, innovation, critical thinking and ethical behaviours as they explore the concepts of self-awareness, respect and empathy. Accessibility to information and communication technologies and the ability to connect to learning, each other and beyond are fundamental to engaging in this century's globally connected world. As the Curriculum becomes more personalised and tailored to the student's needs we believe that the devices (mobile smartphones, tablets, netbooks, laptops) students choose to use in their education should also be reflective of this. This Bring Your Own Technology policy supports our vision of students having ownership of their learning and ownership over the tools they choose to use to enrich and extend their learning, applying new skills creatively and flexibly.

For the purpose of the Gilles Street Primary School Bring Your Own Technology Policy digital devices include tablet/slate pcs, ipads, mobile smartphones, netbooks, laptops, ipods, mp3 recorders/players, digital cameras. It does not include handheld games consoles eg Nintendo DS, Sony PSP

The BYOT agreement is required to be signed by parent/guardian, teacher, Innovation and Learning Coordinator/Leadership team member and the student agreeing to the conditions set out below.

- Devices may be used in negotiation with the class teacher for activities linked to class learning programs.
- The agreement remains in place while the student remains with that teacher.
- The policy will be reviewed as necessary in collaboration with staff, students and parents/caregivers and/or their representatives on School Council.
- Students are responsible for the care of their devices. The school takes no responsibility for the loss of or damage to digital devices. Devices are to remain in the classroom during recess and lunch.
- Mobile phone voice, video and text during the school day are still prohibited unless it is directly linked with the learning program.
- Devices must be covered by up-to-date anti-virus protection.
- Students agree to view, listen to or access school appropriate content on their mobile devices while at school. Due to copyright, content such as music, games, movies etc are not to be transferred to other devices or to the school's computer network wirelessly or via USB.
- Taking photos, video or recording voice of any individual or group is not allowed without the express permission of all the individuals being recorded and after permission from the teacher and is linked to learning. No photos, video or voice recordings are to be published in any form unless permission is given by the teacher and is school sanctioned.
- Students are responsible for bringing their devices to school fully charged and labelled for identification. The school is not responsible for any technical maintenance or issues beyond connecting the device to our network.
- Parents/Caregivers may be liable for expenses relating to damage their child causes to the school network in the use of their device eg repairs after a virus.
- The consequences for breaches of this policy will be determined by the principal/coordinator and as set out in the Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy.
- All legalities relating to mobile device usage applies to the student
- In the event that the student's device has 3g access, staff/school will not bear any responsibility for any network data charges incurred by the student accessed via 3g. Staff will do their best to monitor student access to the internet but cannot guarantee the personal safety of students bypassing school filtering via their 3g network. However the School Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy applies to the use of a 3g network while on site and consequences will apply for any breaches.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Student signature _____ Parent signature _____

Teacher signature _____ Leadership signature _____

Device: _____

Antivirus software: _____ Most Recent Virus Protection Update: _____