BYOD FAQ

What is BYOD?

BYOD stands for "Bring Your Own Device." BYOD is an initiative that will allow students who have personal technology devices to bring them to school to use them for educational purposes to meet their learning needs under the direction of a teacher.

Is the BYOD Program mandatory?

No, if parents opt not to provide a personal device there will still be access to shared school-owned devices for use in the classroom.

What are the benefits of BYOD?

Students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information, anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally-owned devices that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace. With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction, thereby maximising their opportunity for success in school and beyond. Specific benefits include:
 - personalised learning
 - improved student learning outcomes
 - improved collaboration
 - greater choice and more independence
 - creates a model for lifelong learning
 - smooth transition between home and school
 - 24/7/365 access
 - easier student access to online instructional materials
 - supplements school resources and equipment
 - normalisation of technology

What devices are required?

Currently (2020), years 1 – 4 use iPads, and years 5 – 6 use laptops. We are phasing out laptops, so all years will be using iPads by 2022. Students will still use school-owned laptops for some learning. Please see the current **Device Specifications** document for more details, found in the Documents section of the school website.

What device should I buy?

It is always best to buy the most recent model with the maximum amount of storage to get the most effective use out of your device. SIM cards and cellular models are not allowed as the device must be subjected to the school's web filtering. There are minimum device specifications in the **Device Specifications** folder in Documents: https://miltonss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents/documents

Look for back-to-school specials, or check out the JB HiFi portal on the website.

What cover should I buy?

It is best to choose a cover that fits in the school bag, is easy for your child to use, has a flap over the screen, allows headphones to be plugged in easily, is water resistant, and has a stand.

How do I set up the device?

You need to do the initial set up of the device and download all the necessary apps before school starts. There are also some ipad restrictions in Settings you can enable to make the device safer for your child to use. Please see the **iPad Settings** file in the **BYOD Help Guides** folder in Documents: https://miltonss.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/forms-and-documents/documents

What apps do I need to download?

Each year level has a list of required apps. These are to be installed at the cost of the parent. Many apps will be the same across year levels. You may wish to buy an iTunes card when on special or make use of Apple's Family Sharing to purchase apps once for a whole family's use. We have an iTunesU course set up for easy downloading of apps.

How do I connect to the school network?

The device will be connected to the school network by the school technician once your child has started school. The school may offer "set up" sessions before school commences to speed up this process.

What about Internet Security?

All devices will operate within Education Queensland's Managed Internet Environment. When connected to the school's network, EQ's filter will apply to regulate and restrict the web content allowed. All devices **must** be subject to this web filtering and therefore, SIM cards and cellular models are not allowed.

Is there any Technical Support?
There is a technician at the school who offers support to teachers and students with technical issues. Please inform the teacher if there is a technical issue and they will log a job with the technician. The technician assists with connecting devices to the school network and may offer sessions before school commences to expedite this process.

Can I access a School-Owned Device?
All families are different and financial situations may affect access to a device. The school does have some devices available for use, however these may be shared with others in the classroom and are not to be taken home. You will need to complete a "Request to Borrow Equipment" form.

Do I need a warranty?
We strongly recommend that all devices have some form of extended warranty. While research shows that students take much better care of a device which belongs to them than a school-provided device, accidents happen.

What happens if a student uses a device inappropriately?
The Acceptable Use Policy and Behaviour Policy outline the sanctions for inappropriate behaviour or use of devices and network. Students and their parents will be required to sign agreements that these policies will be adhered to and that consequences of policy breaches are understood before network access is provided.

What about security, theft and damage to the physical device?
Devices will be the responsibility of the student. Devices will be stored in classrooms during class time and at break times. Students will be educated in the proper care and appropriate use of their device. Parents will be advised to review their insurance policies to ensure that BYOD devices are covered outside the home, and to provide a suitable protective bag and sleeve for the device. The school will accept no responsibility for the security or safety of the device.

What about charging the device?
It is expected that personally owned devices are brought into school with a full charge. Students will be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their device during the school day.

How will devices be used in the classroom?

Devices are used in the classroom when and where they can enhance the learning. This will vary between year groups and subjects studied. Technology will be accessed when it is thought to be the best tool for the learning. It may be 'accessible' to the students for the whole lesson, but only used in short intervals throughout. There will be some times during the day or even whole days when technology is not used. There will not be a fixed amount of time for using technology, it is a tool that students have in the classroom to use when it is appropriate and beneficial. The amount of time a student spends on a device will depend on the lesson intent and objective. Students will not be using the device 100% of the day.

What about Cybersafety?

There are many Government and Third-Party websites (such as eSafety and Common Sense Media) that provide information about topics such as why use technology for learning, what you can do in a home environment to support a balanced approach to technology, and information on setting devices up so that your children are safe. Years 1-6 receive cybersafety lessons each year.

How can I minimise the risk of damage or loss?

All devices are monitored by teachers and rules are in place to prevent damage, however occasionally accidents may occur.
To minimise the risk, certain precautions should be taken:

- Devices will be stored in the classroom
- Students may take devices to the classroom before school (from 8:15)
- Classroom rules encourage students to hold the devices against their chest when carrying them
- Covers and cases are recommended - We suggest one with a flap that closes over the screen
- Devices should be placed in the school bag or carry case when in transit
- Parents may choose to have the device engraved – be aware that this may void warranty
- Enable the iPad "Find My Phone", so it is possible to find the whereabouts of the iPad when it is connected to the internet
- Insurance is recommended. You may want to look into Apple Care Plus for iPads.

Who can I contact for further information? For Further information please email: tech@miltonss.eq.edu.au