



# Bring Your Own Device Policy

## Rationale:

Mortlake College recognizes that teaching and learning will continue to change as digital technology and communication alter the way in which information is accessed, transferred, communicated and created through online services. In light of the exponential growth in these technologies, this policy must be an adaptable and evolving document, subject to continuous review.

The College recognizes that digital technology and communication skills are now essential knowledge for our students.

The College will actively support access by students to the widest possible variety of digital resources together with providing professional development to staff to enable them to analyse and evaluate these resources.

## Purpose:

- To ensure that students have access to appropriate technology in all areas of learning.
- To encourage and support skilful use of technology so that staff and students can become increasingly literate in digital communication and creation.
- To ensure students are given every opportunity to develop and extend their digital literacy skills.
- To incorporate technology to support teaching and learning.
- To assist students to develop a responsible digital footprint and to promote ethical decision making by learning through technology in a socially responsible manner.
- To ensure that all students use their devices in accordance with school policy.

## The Policy in Practice:

- Students from Prep to Year 12 will develop technology skills in line with the Australian Curriculum.
- Digital literacy will be encouraged in all classes.
- Teachers will be encouraged to continually update their technology skills
- Priority will be given to maintaining a stable, working and effective school network.
- All students from years 5-12 will be required to bring an approved device to school to be used on the school network.
- Students in Year 3 and 4 will be encouraged to BYOD.
- All BYOD devices must meet the standards and guidelines set by the school computer technicians and outlined in letters and on the school website.
- Every BYOD must have a regularly updated operating system.
- Insurance, repairs and maintenance of the BYOD are the responsibility of the owner.
- Failure to comply with the Electronic Device Code of Conduct, as stated in the student diary will result in loss of network privileges.
- **Students are not to use VPN (Virtual Private Network) in the school under any circumstances.**

- **Students are not to bypass the school internet proxy servers using online proxies (secure or unsecure) in order to access website blocked by the school or the Education Department. Any student found using a VPN will be banned from using the school network.**

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed annually in the review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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