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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information

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Benefits of BYOD for Your Child

- BYOD enhances student engagement and learning outcomes by providing students with access to digital resources and tools, through the use of iPads when needed.
- iPads promote excitement in students, encouraging the creation of interactive, multimedia projects, deepening their connection to the curriculum and improving learning outcomes.
- While there's no direct evidence of improved NAPLAN scores, the retention of skills, concepts, and content is significantly better in a 1:1 iPad environment.

Classroom Usage and Daily Practices

- Daily iPad usage in the classroom varies based on the teacher, classroom requirements, and tasks.
- iPads complement traditional tools like pens, paper, and books, providing flexibility for learning and note-taking.

Access to Student Work and Assessment

- iPads go home each night for parents to review their child's learning and assessment, emphasising their role as a learning tool.
- Students continue to receive written reports and assessments as they do now.

Group Work and Backup

- Students receive an @schools email address and 1TB of cloud storage through Microsoft, simplifying group work and data backup.

Device Compatibility and School Internet Access

- Only iPads are permitted for connecting to the school's internet and for technical support.

Recommended iPad Model and Additional Costs

- iPad Models:
 - iPad 8th Gen (10.2" Screen)
 - iPad Air 3rd Gen
 - iPad Pro 2nd Gen
- 64GB Storage
- Avoid purchasing the cellular models, as that network connection can be used to bypass the schools network filtering, impacting your child's online safety.
- It is strongly recommended that iPads can run the latest iPadOS version.
- Ensure your home insurance covers the iPad when used at school.

• A sturdy, "kid-proof" case is recommended, but specific cases can be suggested by teachers with the final decision resting with parents. Years 3-6 should invest in a keyboard case for their iPads, options include:

- Logitech Combo Touch
- Logitech Slim Folio Keyboard Case
- Logitech Folio Case
- Zagg Keyboard Messenger Folio 2 Case
- STM Dux Bluetooth Keyboard Case
- iPads should have 4–6-digit PINs for security.
- Required iPad App lists will be sent out by teachers in early Term 1

iPad Usage at Home and Storage at School

- iPads must be taken home daily for charging as there are no secure charging stations at school.
- Restorative justice practices are in place for deliberate damage to personal property.
- Teachers and school leadership may have access to the device for support.

BYOD Agreement

- Only students who have signed the BYOD user agreement form will be allowed to bring their own iPad to school.

Guidelines and Rules for iPad Usage

- Charging iPads at school is prohibited due to electrical safety regulations, but fully charged iPads from home are sufficient for daily use.
- School leadership and ICT cannot monitor iPad use at home, only at school upon network connection.
- Non-educational games are not allowed on school iPads.
- Daily network login is not required; settings are saved for easy access.
- Parent-set restrictions at home are permitted, however any pin codes set on device should be relayed to your child's teacher.
- iPads are not allowed during lunch and recess, but exceptions can be made for personal projects upon teacher approval.
- iPads can be used for dictionaries and other educational purposes, such as spelling time.
- In the event of someone else breaking your iPad, natural consequences apply, and the leadership team may be involved.
- Parents should ensure iPad coverage under their home insurance in case of loss or theft.
- iPads are locked inside classrooms for safety and security during recess and lunch, with no re-entry for students during these times.
- Instructions on how to connect your iPad to the school Wi-Fi network can be found on the Grange PS Website. [Click here to view](#). Please note, connection to the school's Wi-Fi network can only be made at the school. Class teachers can assist with this, however if your child is having difficulty their teacher will send them to ICT.

Student BYOD iPad Agreement

Many students' lives today are filled with media that gives them mobile access to information and resources 24/7. Outside school, students are free to pursue their interest in their own way and at their own pace. The opportunities are limitless, borderless, and instantaneous.

In an effort to put students at the centre and empower them to take control of their own learning, GPS will allow students to use personal technology devices. Students wishing to participate must follow the responsibilities stated in Australian Curriculum and the following agreement.

Device Types:

For the purpose of this program, the word "device" means a privately owned iPad.

1. Any student who wishes to use a personally owned iPad within Grange Primary School must read and sign this agreement, get your parent to read and sign the agreement and hand it to your class teacher.
2. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device and keeps it with himself or herself at all times apart from recess and lunch. The school is not responsible for the security of the device.
3. The student is responsible for the proper care of his or her personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school.
4. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device at any time.
5. Violations of any school policies, administrative procedures or school rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in the loss of use of the device in school and/or disciplinary action.
6. The student complies with teachers' request to shut down the device.
7. Personal devices shall be charged prior to bringing it to school and shall be capable of running off its own battery while at school.
8. The student may not use the devices to record, transmit or post photos or video of a person or persons taken at school, without express permission from the class teacher. Nor can any images or video recorded at school be transmitted or posted at any time without the express permission of a teacher.
9. During school hours the student should only use their device to access classroom related activities.
10. The student will use the school wireless network for internet access. Use of 3G & 4G wireless connections is not allowed.

Supervision and Monitoring

The use of digital devices at school is not private. School and network administrators and their authorised employees monitor the use of information technology resources to help ensure that users are secure and in conformity with this policy. Administrators reserve the right to examine, use and disclose any data found on a student's device or the school's information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

Grange Primary School reserves the right to determine which uses constitute acceptable use and to limit access to such uses.


BYOD (iPad) Agreement Breaches (consequences)

Purpose: The purposes of BYOD Rules are to enhance the educational learning environment of the school. Therefore it is necessary to place controls on how this policy is implemented to ensure the integrity of the policy and its processes. As a result, the following consequences have been created to ensure the integrity of the process.

1st offence - Confiscation for remainder of day (student to collect from teacher at end of day), warning, and email/ diary note/phone call home.

2nd offence - Confiscation for remainder of day (student to collect from leadership at end of day), and email/diary note/phone call home from leadership.

3rd offence - Confiscation for remainder of day and student would need to complete an ICT learning action plan. Termination of technology privileges for an appropriate amount of time.



Please sign and return this page to your class teacher. This page will give you access to the school network for your iPad.

BYOD (iPad) STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a student I understand and will abide by the BYOD rules. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

As a parent I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the BYOD rules. I have read and discussed them with her/him and they understand the responsibility they have in the use of their personal device.

We have read and understood the Student User Agreement for students and agree to meet the terms outlined within it.

Student Name

Student Signature.

Class:

Parent Name

Parent Signature.

Date.

Teacher signature:
