

St. Dominic's College, Penrith.
BYOD Program



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1. Policy Statement

The following policy is inclusive of all year groups learning in a blended learning environment enriched by the individual's access to their own personal devices. The use of the device is conducted in accordance with both Student Acceptable use of ICT Policy and BYOD User Agreement. It therefore is inclusive of personally owned devices such as laptops, tablets and mobile phones.

St. Dominic's College wishes to encourage the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in serving its *Learning Statement*. The use of technology enhances a personalised and connected learning experience where collaboration and communication deepen the learning and provides greater opportunity for higher order thinking. The purpose of the BYOD program is to enhance the blended learning environment.

2. Statement of Principles

The School has an expectation that students are responsible users of their own device:

- in personalising their learning experience and achieving their personal best.
- that use the resources and infrastructure to improve their learning and positively contribute to the learning environment.
- in actively communicating with peers and staff in developing a deeper understanding.
- who are responsible for the installation, maintenance and management of software, hardware and associated resources.
- where ICT use is undertaken under the guidance and leadership of teaching staff.

3. Processes

College provides internal policies, procedures, resources, services and systems that serve each and every student, staff and parent.

- Provision of internally administered online environment where all contributors can be identified and safely communicated with.
- Equity of access is provided through an established and recommended supplier that supply resources at affordable levels, including varied payment methods to suit each family.
- eTexts, Software and online resources are programmed into learning and teaching units to maximise the use of personal devices in personalising the learning experience of each student. These are purchased by the parent via the supplier.

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- **Training (staff/student/Parent):** The college is committed to ensuring all stakeholders are equipped with the knowledge and skill to maximise the opportunities a blended learning environment provides while ensuring the students are safe and protected.
- **Technical support:** The college provides specialist services in supplying self-service opportunities, IT helpdesk and acts as a service centre for preferred suppliers. Students are educated through explicit technical teaching programs and support staff maintain a high classroom presence.
- **Blended Learning Environment:** Student devices are to be used in conjunction with traditional learning and teaching resources and methodologies in enhancing the quality of learning.
- **Learning Environments:** Classrooms, furniture, learning spaces and communal spaces are all designed to best serve the learning needs associated to a blended learning environment. Various spaces will be provided that are agile, interactive and conducive to collaboration and co-operation. Many of students will require suitable learning spaces to be available beyond the regular classroom.
- **Timetable:** A BYOD environment provides students the flexibility to attend to learning priorities from any space at any time, in accordance the timetable should consider flexible learning time for students to attend to these needs.
- **Costs:** Parents are responsible for the purchase of both the student's personal device and text book licencing. See BYOD Equity Policy for further details and advice on applying for concession.
- **Digital Citizenship and Cybersafety:** Students, Parents and Staff are provided with regular and explicit learning experiences and resources to assist them in acting responsibly and remaining safe while online.
- **Security:** Device security and safety is promoted through the use of College schoolbag (protective lining and features), device type recommendation/supplier (durability/ warranty is compulsory), lockers are available throughout the college to students who wish to secure their items when their device is not required.