



Policy Title:	<b>BYOD EQUITY POLICY</b>
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## 1. Policy Statement

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The St Dominic's College Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program, like all BYOD programs in an educational setting, inevitably imposes a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. However, the BYOD Program can only function if all students have access to technological resources in all classes. St Dominic's College aims to ensure equity for all students when it comes to having access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOD Equity Policy is to establish an equitable framework for the BYOD Program for all students, irrespective of their families' financial means.

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## 2. Statement of Principles

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- To ensure equity of the BYOD program and its implementation, where each student has access to a satisfactory device at school to use in their education.
- To ensure all students have access to appropriate technological hardware, software and resources in their classes.
- To provide the framework through which families requesting financial assistance to access the BYOD Program can be managed consistently.

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## 3. Processes

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### St Dominic's College will:

- Ensure the BYOD Program's Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in capability and cost are suitable, meet minimum specifications and provide an affordable device that will serve the students' educational needs.
- Provide access to a preferred supplier that offers a device that meets minimum specifications with bundled insurances, safety features and purchase plans.
- Endeavour to provide a broad selection of devices in a range of price points to match the specifications.
- Provide access and equity for assistance in meeting requirements for all families that are part of the BYOD Program. The College has established procedures for families to apply for assistance through our Financial Assistance Program.
- Provide a range of student and parent support and educational services including technical, skills and safety information.

**Students and parents/carers will:**

- Consider your options for the purchase or lease of equipment that meets the device specifications.
- If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification:
  - make contact with the College in writing or make an appointment with the Finance Department and indicate you require assistance in addressing the College BYOD Program.
  - The College will liaise with parties to identify the most suitable way to address the issue and ensure the student has appropriate access to technological resources.

**Related Documents:**

BYOD Program

Acceptable Use of ICT Policy

BYOD User Agreement