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Tuggerah PS BYOD Initiative for 2020

As part of our strong and ongoing commitment to Future Focused learning, Tuggerah Public School will be continuing our **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in Term 1, 2020 for Year 4, 5 and 6 students.**

Students who are in the stage 2 enrichment class will also be included in this program.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personal technology device that students bring to school to use for educational purposes under the direction of a teacher. For the purposes of BYOD at TPS, **'device' means a privately owned wireless laptop/notebook PC computer.**

The school will provide the ability to connect **compatible** devices to a filtered DoE internet service which will provide safe, secure internet access for students.

There are many reasons for BYOD at Tuggerah Public School. These include:

- Bridging the gap between school and home.
- Personalised and differentiated learning, eg. Using Google Classroom as a platform and a variety of apps to produce quality pieces of work, accessibility and options to adjust to learners' needs.
- Allowing students more control/ownership of their learning.
- Building student organisation skills and sense of responsibility.
- Fully Engaging students in learning activities.
- Adjusting student's learning platforms to suit their learning styles.

As we move into this rapidly changing world of technology, it is imperative that our senior students have a laptop computer for their class learning. We sometimes think that the only technology we need is a smartphone and or ipad, however, we have seen the decreased ability of basic computer skills. NAPLAN is online now, as is ICAS Testing and a myriad of other programs (including the teachers teaching) therefore if your child is in Stage 3 next year (and in future years) and maybe even Stage 2 (especially the Enrichment classes) a BYOD is a very necessary item. There are often great deals on over Christmas.

For successful access to the DoE internet, strict adherence to device specifications is required. These are set out in the adjoining page. We encourage you to refer to the device technology specification sheet when purchasing your device. Students will be using their device primarily to access the internet, complete set work using Google Apps for Education, as well as using other web-based applications.

Please Note: Tuggerah PS has made the decision **that mobile phones/ smart phones, iPads, Chromebooks or Mac computers will not be accepted** as part of the school BYOD Policy. (Please note: Chromebooks have been taken off our preferred list due to issues. However, if your child has already purchased a Chromebook, then this will be fine).

Below is an overview of the key points for students, parents and school roles in the BYOD initiative:

Student Responsibilities:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her device. While every effort will be made to ensure their security, the school and its staff take no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the device either at school or in travel to and from school.
- The student will be responsible for the proper care of his or her personal device, including any costs of repair, replacement or any modification needed to use the device at school.
- The student is responsible for charging their device prior to bringing it to school. It should be capable of running off its own battery while at school. Desired battery life is 6 hours minimum.
- The student will use the school's filtered wireless network. Mobile phones are not considered BYOD devices. Use of 3G and 4G wireless connections are not allowed.
- Each device is housed in a sturdy case for protection.

Storage:

- The student will need to take their device home each night so that they can be charged.
- BYOD devices are to be stored in class storerooms during lunch and recess breaks.

Usage:

- When at school, the student should only use their device to access classroom related activities and will not be allowed to be taken out at recess and lunch.
- The student will comply with teachers' requests to turn off the device for learning purposes.
- Students should not take photos, video or sound recordings of other students and members of staff without their knowledge and consent. They are not allowed to transmit or post photos, emails, video or sound recordings taken at school without the express permission of a teacher.
- The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated school policies, school rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.
- Violations of school or class rules involving a student's personally owned device may result in disciplinary action.

For more information about our BYOD policy, please visit the BYOD Policy Document on the school website.

BYOD is part of an evolution of technology use and our school is leading the way. Developing and maintaining students that are well versed in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a key area that Tuggerah Public School believes will set students up for future success. We look forward to Year 4, 5 and 6 students having access to a personal IT device which will allow them to extend their knowledge and skills and become a 'future focused' learner.

We look forward to working with the students and parents as we continue this exciting new initiative with **Year 4, 5 and 6 students in 2019** (and Year 3 from the enrichment class).

Yours sincerely,

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