

BYOD

Bring Your Own Device

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WA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE—HARVEY

What is BYOD? BYOD (Bring your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.

WA College of Agriculture - Harvey recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world where technology plays an increasing role in students' everyday lives.

What devices can students bring to school? Students can bring devices to school that follow the required device specifications. These specifications mean that the device will be

- Easily connected to the school WiFi.
- They will provide access to a common platform of software and applications.
- They will allow students access to a personal device that they can take home.

Device Specifications

Wireless connectivity - Devices must support 5GHz dual band, 802.11 a/b/g/n wireless.

Memory – Devices must have a minimum of 128GB storage and 4GB RAM.

Keyboard, camera and microphone - are recommended for students to participate in 21st Century Learning.

Screen size – must be at least 10 diagonal inches.

Battery - must be able to exceed 8 hours of usage time.

Mouse— please ensure your child has a mouse.

Software and Applications

- Devices must be loaded with Internet browsing software
- Antivirus software
- Windows 10 or 11 (PRO) operating system (This enables you to have access to the College domain) .
- Activated version of Microsoft Office 2016 or 365 Word, Excel, PowerPoint, One Note, Publisher and Outlook). Students can purchase or use own licence,
- Students are able to access 365 Department of Education Work at Home Software with student email once at school.

Recommended Accessories

- Carry Bag/Protection,
- External Hard Drive (minimum 1 TB)

General Information

Parents may choose to purchase a device from any source however only devices with the specifications outlined will be able to be used in the school.

Student and Family Responsibility

In the BYOD program, students and parents must:

- Sign the BYOD Student Agreement before bringing their devices to school.
- Ensure their devices are safe and secure at all times.
- The School is unable to accept responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen devices.

Misuse of Device During School Hours

Internet access on the device will be filtered at school and students will be prohibited from connecting to other networks while at school. Students will comply with the Department of Education (DoE) and school policies concerning the use of BYODs at school and while connected to the DoE network.

Technical Support

WA College of Agriculture - Harvey staff are under no obligation to provide any technical support on either hardware or software.

Long-term care and support of BYODs.

- Students are solely responsible for repair and maintenance of their own device. It is not the school's responsibility.
- Warranties: Students should understand the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on their BYOD, both in duration and in coverage. Under Australian consumer legislation, warranties usually last for one year. During this period any manufacturing defects will be repaired or the device will be replaced (as per the specific terms and conditions of the manufacturer).
- Extended warranties: At the time of purchase, students may also purchase an optional extended warranty (past the standard warranty period) from the supplier/manufacturer of their device, during which any manufacturing defects that may occur will also be repaired.

Insurance

Students are responsible for the care of the device while at school as they are their property. We suggest parents check with their insurance companies to check their level of cover. While some contents insurance packages automatically include devices away from home, others require additional cover.

NOTE: Smartphones are unsuitable for learning activities because of their small screen size.