

# CRONULLA SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## BYOD- Bring Your Own Device Program

Dear 2019 Stage 2 and 3 Parents/Caregivers,

From early Term 1 2019, Cronulla South PS will be implementing a full BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) across all Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 classes. Our vision is to encourage creative and innovative learning opportunities for students using BYOD as a tool to facilitate learning. **Until we have a confirmed date for implementation, we ask that NO BYOD student devices be brought into school.**

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to student's bringing a personal technology device to school to use for educational purposes under the direction of a teacher. For the purposes of BYOD, 'device' refers to a privately owned wireless laptop. This will also ease transitions into high school where students are required to bring their own laptop. Please Note: Cronulla South PS has made the decision that **mobile phones/smart phones/tablets will not be accepted** as part of the school BYOD Policy.

Students will be able to connect **compatible** devices to a filtered DoE internet service which will provide safe and secure internet access for students.

There are many reasons to go BYOD at Cronulla South 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.
- Augmented best teaching practice by redefining and modifying what students can do.
- Allowing students more control of their learning.
- Building student organisation skills and sense of responsibility.
- Creating future focused environments that engage students.
- Easing transition to high school where students are required to use laptops daily

Equity concerns have been raised by staff and are integral to the BYOD initiative at Cronulla South Public School. **This is an opt in** program for students who are able to bring in a device. Bringing a device for BYOD is not compulsory and laptops will be made available at school for students who are unable to provide their own. Students will not be allowed to take the school laptops home.

A parent information session will occur in early Term 1, coinciding with the *Meet The Teacher* event, for parents who have not yet been involved in the program and would like additional information and an opportunity to ask any questions.

We would encourage parents to consider BYOD if making technology purchases for children, although existing devices are perfectly suitable if they meet our requirements (see below). The Apple Store at Westfield Miranda is offering parents advice, setup assistance and workshop support should you decide to purchase devices from an Apple Store. HP has an online portal that can be accessed at [www.hp.com.au](http://www.hp.com.au)

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## BYOD Device Requirements

### **Wireless connectivity:**

The department's Wi-Fi network installed in primary schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. Devices that do not support this standard will not be able to connect.

### **Operating system:**

The current or prior version of any operating system.

### **Software and apps:**

School-based requirements. All software and apps should be fully updated.

### **Battery life:**

A minimum of 6hrs battery life to last the school day.

### **Memory and RAM:**

A minimum specification of 16 GB storage and 2 GB RAM *to process and store data effectively*.

### **Hardware features:**

Camera and microphone.

### **Ergonomics:**

Reasonable sized screen and a sturdy keyboard *to enable continuous use throughout the day*.

### **Other considerations**

*Casing:* Tough and sturdy to avoid breakage.

*Weight:* Lightweight for ease of carrying.

*Durability:* Durable and strong.

### **Accessories**

*Carry case:* Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device.

*Insurance and warranty:* Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

*Back-up storage:* Consider a portable hard drive as an appropriate source of back-up storage for essential documents.

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## BYOD Student Responsibilities

### ***Operating system and anti-virus:***

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. If applicable, students' devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

### ***NSW Department of Education Wi-Fi network connection only:***

Student devices are only permitted to connect to the department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

### ***Battery life and charging:***

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. *No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.*

### ***Theft and damage:***

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. *Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department.*

### ***Confiscation:***

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

### ***Maintenance and support:***

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

### ***Ergonomics:***

*Students should ensure they are comfortable using their device during the school day particularly in relation to screen size, sturdy keyboard etc.*

### ***Data back-up:***

*Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly.*

### ***Insurance/warranty:***

*Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.*

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## Bring Your Own Device

### Parent and Student User Agreement

As a student I understand and will abide by the above requirements. 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 above conditions. I have read and discussed the agreement with her/him and she/he understands the responsibilities she/he has in the use of her/his personal device both at school and traveling to and from school.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to bring the following device to school each day.

Device serial number \_\_\_\_\_

(Usually located on the back of the device).

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ signed \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ signed \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **NSW Department of Education**

### **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) STUDENT AGREEMENT**

Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver.

I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD policy and that:

- I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- I will use my device during school activities at the direction of the teacher.
- I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.
- I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.
- I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is:
  - offensive
  - pornographic
  - threatening
  - abusive or
  - defamatory
  - considered to be bullying.

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### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) STUDENT AGREEMENT

- I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
- I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my device.
- I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.
- I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
- I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
- I have read and will abide by the NSW Department of Education Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/online-communication-services-acceptable-usage-for-school-students>

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student name

in the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/caregiver name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/caregiver signature