Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

All students in Years 7-9 are required to bring their own computing device to school each day. The BYOD Policy replaces the Digital Education Revolution student laptop program that concluded in 2013.

Years 10 - 12 students are also required to bring a computing device to school each day. Students who have previously been issued with a DER laptop may continue to bring this device to school or they may prefer to bring an alternative computing device that meets the device specifications of the BYOD Policy. Students who are no longer using their DER device are encouraged to donate it to the school.

Technology plays a large role in our students’ lives and personal devices can enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at school and at home. Rose Bay Secondary College is committed to allowing responsible, learning-centred use of personal devices at school so as to provide as many pathways to understanding as possible for our students.

Why implement a BYOD program?

By introducing a BYOD program students will further develop their 21st century learning skills. We will be leveraging students’ attachment to their own devices to deepen learning and make learning more personalised and student centred.

Types of Devices students can bring to school

A range of devices in a range of price categories will meet the RBSC Device Specifications. Students may choose to bring;

- a laptop,
- a chromebook,
- a tablet/ipad

Students are encouraged to bring a computing device from home that they are already familiar with using. Smartphones are not considered an acceptable learning device.
# BYOD Device Specifications

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<th>Wireless Connectivity</th>
<th>Battery Life</th>
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<td>Wireless connectivity is key to BYOD devices in schools!</td>
<td>Minimum 5 hours</td>
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<td>Devices must support <strong>5Ghz</strong> dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n</td>
<td>Devices need to last the school day, we recommend a minimum of 5hrs battery life</td>
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<td><strong>16 GB Storage 2 GB RAM</strong></td>
<td><strong>Camera &amp; Microphone</strong></td>
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<td>To be able to store and process data effectively these minimum specifications are recommended</td>
<td>These are necessary to ensure students can participate in 21st century learning activities. A keyboard may also be useful.</td>
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| Ensure the screen is of a **reasonable size** to enable ease of use throughout a school day. | **Casing:** needs to be tough and sturdy  
**Weight:** light enough to be carried each day  
**Durability:** sturdy keys and inputs  
**Carry Case:** essential for protection |

**Insurance:** Devices can become lost or be broken easily at school, make sure your policy covers these eventualities.  
**Warranty:** Make sure you consider purchasing extra warranty to reduce future repair costs as these devices will be used extensively.

## Equity

Rose Bay Secondary College will maintain a BYOD Equity Policy to ensure all students, no matter their family’s financial means, have access to computing resources inside and outside of class time.

A wireless network with filtered internet connection is provided to all students in all learning spaces including the library and gymnasium.

Support will be provided to assist students with establishing network connectivity with the BYOD program device.
Responsibilities of teachers

- Teachers will encourage and facilitate the use of personal devices. Students must use these devices as directed by their teacher.
- Teachers should follow the school’s discipline procedures if a student fails to bring their device to class.

Responsibilities of students

- The personal device must be able to be brought to school every school day and be used solely by the student throughout the school day.
- Students are responsible for making sure their device is charged at home and ready for each class.
- Students are responsible for all repairs and support concerning their device.
- Students and Parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the Device Specifications.
- Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the RBSC Computer Access and BYOD User Agreement which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device at Rose Bay secondary College.
- Students must follow teachers’ directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class.
- Each student is absolutely and solely responsible for the care and conduct of their own personal device.

Rose Bay Secondary College will NOT be responsible for:

- Personal devices that are broken/damaged while at school or during school-related activities
- Personal devices that are lost or stolen at school or during school-related activities
- Maintenance or upkeep of any personal device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).

Expectations of Use

- Use of personal laptop or tablet devices during the school day is at the discretion of the teachers and staff. Students must use these devices as directed by their teacher. The primary purpose of the use of personal devices at school is educational.
- The use of a personal device is not to be a distraction in any way to teachers and students. The use of personal devices must not disrupt the class in any way.
- Students are to connect their device to the designated wireless network only. Students are not to connect their device to other wired, wireless or cellular networks whilst at school.

Consequences for Misuse of Equipment

- Standard school discipline procedures apply for misuse of the device contrary to this policy.
- Examples of action the school may take in cases of misuse include:
  - Permission for the student to bring their device to school pursuant to the Bring Your Own Device policy is revoked
  - Conventional discipline procedures including detention or suspension where deemed appropriate pursuant to the school’s discipline procedures.