

Oyster Bay Public School BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Do I have to purchase an iPad?

A. No. BYOD is not mandatory. It is optional but encouraged. The school has the capacity to supply a limited number of iPads and other technology for student use in each classroom.

Q. Can I bring another device to school other than an iPad (for example an Android tablet)?

A. Not at this stage. Experience has shown that many of these devices are not compatible with DoE wireless networks and subsequently students are unable to log into the DoE wireless network. Teaching and technical IT staff at the school cannot guarantee they will be able to support and troubleshoot issues if a student chooses to bring devices outside those recommended by the school.

Q. What happens if my child's device is lost or stolen?

A. Any damage or loss to a device that a student brings to school will be the student's responsibility. The school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. Families may choose to consider purchasing insurance and/or extended warranty for the device.

Q. Can the device be charged at school?

A. We ask students to make sure their devices are fully charged every day. It is recommended that devices should last 5 hours without being charged.

Q. Will there be a place at school for devices to be stored when they are not being used?

A. When students are not in class either before or after school their devices should be stored in their bags. When students are not in class their devices will be locked securely inside the classrooms.

Q. Will there be an internet filter applied when the device is used at school?

A. While at school, students will be restricted by the NSW Department of Education (DoE) filtered internet service. All social media sites and inappropriate sites are blocked while students are at school. Students will be instructed not to access their own 3G networks while at school. No creation of hotspots' will be permitted at school.

Q. Will I be able to put on my own apps or programs onto my device, other than the ones the school has asked for?

A. Yes. Parents and students are allowed to install their own apps, programs, iBooks and other publications on their devices. These are at the discretion of parents and students.

Q. Will students still use exercise books to school?

A. Yes. An iPad device is another tool for learning just like all other equipment. Students will still be required to bring writing materials in addition to their device.

Q. Do students have to bring their devices every day to school?

A. No. Students will be required to use their iPad each day, except Friday. In order to guard against breakages etc, we ask students to leave their iPads at home on a Friday as students travel to sport and bags are often left in alternative locations.