

Dear Stage 2 & 3 Parents,

This year OBPS will be continuing with the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad Program which started in 2017. Our vision is to encourage creative and innovative learning opportunities for students using BYOD as a tool to facilitate learning. School recognises the need to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world, where technology plays a large role in our personal, social and professional lives. Since we purchased our own bank of school iPads in 2015, we have seen the educational benefit of having technology available to students across many learning areas.

The BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad Program is offered to Stage 2 and 3 students only. This means students are able to bring their own iPad device to school to use for school activities. We recognise that just like uniforms, supplies and extracurricular activities, an iPad for student use represents a significant investment for many families. This purchase is optional but encouraged. The school will provide access to various forms of technology for student use at school, if required.

This year we have attached the relevant BYOD documents on our school website at <https://oysterbay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

We encourage you to read these documents carefully before signing the attached agreement and returning it to school. The documents on the website are as follows:

1. Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement;
2. OBPS Bring Your Own Device Specifications 2019;
3. 2017/2018 OBPS BYOD Frequently Asked Questions; and
4. **Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement is also attached to this note. Please sign and return to school.**

**If your child will be participating in the BYOD program, it will commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This is the first day they may bring their iPad to school. The attached *Bring Your Own Device Student Agreement* must be signed and returned to school on or before this date. iPads then may be brought to school each day of the week. iPads do not need to be brought to school on special event days or excursion days.**

We appreciate your ongoing support and participation in the BYOD iPad Program. If you have any questions about the program and/or use of student-owned iPad devices, please feel free to contact either myself or your child's class teacher.

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