

**RE: Bring Your Own Device in 2020**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Sunbury College recognises the use of technology in our classrooms can enhance and transform the way learning happens. We aim to maximise learning outcomes for your child and believe having an appropriate device can assist us to meet your child at their point of need in learning. In this letter you will find an outline of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program and our recommendations about which devices are most suitable in our classroom environment.

### Expectations

The College expects that all students bring a suitable device that is charged and ready to use to all classes. Our IT department will connect suitable devices to the College network provided the students and their parent/guardian have signed the Student IT Code of Conduct and BYOD Policy.

### Recommendations

The College has partnered with JB HiFi to provide three suitable BYOD devices at different price points that we would recommend you consider if you need a new device. To access these recommendations please go to our partner portal available through the link below and enter our code.

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> Code: SUNCOL2020

An added advantage of buying a device through our school portal (with extended onsite warranty) is the option to have our school technicians manage warranty issues here at school. This means if there is a problem covered by warranty our technicians can organise to have it repaired on site.

Whether you purchase a suggested device or bring another device, the College **highly recommends you purchase extended warranty and accidental damage/theft insurance** to protect your investment. Sunbury College has no insurance cover for students' personal property and cannot take responsibility for the damage or theft of devices at school.

### Other Devices

Students are permitted to bring alternative devices provided they meet the minimum specifications set out overleaf. Devices that do not meet the minimum specifications will not be connected to the school's network and are not permitted in class.

Many local primary schools have well established iPad/tablet programs and students have historically transitioned with their iPad/tablet device from grade six. We strongly recommend students have a device with

full laptop functionality and would not recommend using a tablet. Full laptop functionality allows greater access to innovative learning opportunities and develops a broader range of ICT skills. It is unlikely that the College will support any new BYOD tablets from 2021.

### **More information**

For more information please see the BYOD section on the Sunbury College Website or contact Jared Dyson, Assistant Principal, by phone on 9744 1066.

Kind Regards



Jared Dyson  
Assistant Principal

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### **Minimum BYOD Device Specifications for 2020**

Below is the list of minimum specifications (standards) that must be met for a device to be connected to the school network. If you are unsure about the specifications of your device, contact our IT department who may be able to help identify if your device is suitable.

#### **Permitted Devices and Minimum Requirements**

- Netbooks and Laptops (preferably Windows based devices)
  - 4GB of RAM
  - 128 GB of Storage
  - i3 Processor or greater (or equivalent)
  - Touch screen with a stylus (both optional but highly recommended)
- All iPads and iPad Minis
- Android Tablets
- Any device must have a screen of at least 7 inches
- The battery life of devices must be 4 hours or more (students are not permitted to charge their device in class due to OH&S requirements)

#### **Approved Operating Systems compatible with the College network:**

- Windows 8.1, Windows 10\* (recommended), OSX 10.7 and up (Apple), Android Ice Cream Sandwich and later (Android Tablets), IOS 9 and up (Apple iPads)

\*Windows 10s is not supported

#### **Recommended Applications:**

- Microsoft Office (or similar) – Students can obtain a free copy of Microsoft Office through the Department of Education. Our school technicians can provide instructions.
- Antivirus software
- Web browser – Internet Explorer, Safari, Edge or Google Chrome