



YEAR 7 – 12 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY

The use of technology in education enables students to engage in their education in ways not previously possible, enhances their achievement and creates new learning possibilities. In recent years, Jamestown Community School has made significant investments to upgrade ICT infrastructure, services and devices to provide a technology-rich environment for all members of the school community. We continue to increase our integration of technology into all teaching and learning areas across Reception to Year 12 to enhance learning and to prepare our students for their roles in the digital world in which we live.

The BYOD program will enable families to purchase a school-recommended device at a discounted cost, allowing students to use one device to seamlessly engage in their education both at school and at home.

Recommended Device Portal

JCS has partnered with HP to provide an online purchasing portal (www.hpshopping.com.au/JCSbyod) which allows families to purchase a school-recommended device at a discounted cost, enabling students to use one device at school and at home to seamlessly engage in their education.

We encourage families with students in Years 7-12 to purchase a device through the BYOD portal. The advantages of purchasing through the portal include:

- Priority access to support from JCS ICT staff for their device at school, including connecting to the school's high speed internet and wireless infrastructure.
- Devices are 'educational standard' which means that you can be assured that they have the necessary battery life and storage capacity.
- A three year on-site warranty included in the price.
- The ability to add Accidental Damage Protection for damage as part of the package.
- JCS is the service point for any issues. Instead of returning the device to the retailer, students can drop it into the Front Office and our staff will arrange for it to be repaired by the manufacturer.
- Quick and easy access to personal files and resources, providing a smoother transition between their school and home learning.

Students who bring a device to school not purchased through the JCS HP portal will receive limited, low-priority support from JCS ICT staff.

Loan Devices

Jamestown Community School is committed to educating students in a digital age. A Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme is an essential element of that commitment. However, we also recognise that for some parents/caregivers, BYOD causes an excessive financial burden. To address this issue, there will be access to school-owned devices for student use across Years 7-12.

Senior School students (Year 10 - 12)

Senior school students will be able to borrow a device on a day-loan basis. They will borrow the device each morning and will need to return it at the end of each school day. The device will have software installed so that it is unable to be used off-site.

Students will borrow the same laptop each day, which they will have responsibility for.

In addition to a short-term day loan, Year 12 students will also have the option of a long-term loan through the payment of a \$200 bond. The bond will be refunded upon the return of the laptop and charger in its original condition.

Devices issued through a long-term loan can be taken home by the student and will be able to be used off-site.



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In the case of any loan laptop (both short and long-term) that are stolen, lost, damaged (either accidentally or through neglect, abuse or malicious act), Year 10-12 parents/caregivers will be invoiced for the cost of replacement/repair up to the value of \$500.

In the case of lost or damaged chargers, parents will be invoiced for the cost of replacement/repair up to the value of \$50.

An agreement form must be signed by the student and their parent/caregiver and returned before a device can be loaned on either a short or long-term basis.

Middle School students (Year 7-9)

Middle school students who do not Bring Their Own Device will continue to have access to school desktop and laptops during lessons at the direction of their subject teacher. These devices will be shared with other students during the school day.