ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy
2022

INTRODUCTION

Albany Senior High School (ASHS) is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. The purpose of our BYOD program is to improve the delivery of our curriculum using 21st-century technologies and skills. The Western Australian Curriculum includes integration of the ICT General Capability across all subjects at school. Our BYOD program allows us to thoroughly address this element of the curriculum and provide our students with skills that will help them succeed in their future professional and academic endeavours.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The students

- Students will bring a device on all regular school days.
- Devices will be charged overnight to be ready for school the following day.
- Students will ensure they have access to a locker to stow their laptops during periods when they cannot stay with their bags. E.g. Physical Education. Lockers can be organised via the front office.
- Students will maintain the data privacy of themselves and others.
- Students will ensure their device is regularly updated and that the required software packages are installed.
- Students will use their devices as instructed by their teacher. Failure to follow teacher instructions will be managed through the ASHS behaviour management policy and may result in a reduction of ICT privileges.
- Students will back up files onto the OneDrive account provided by the Department of Education.
- Students will follow all ASHS ICT usage policies while at school or during other school events.

The parents and carers

- Parents will support students in following the above responsibilities.
- Parents and carers will ensure devices meet the specifications listed by the school.
- Parents will ensure their child is familiar with the operation of their device prior to commencing school.

The teachers

- Teachers will ensure that frequent opportunities to use devices are provided.
- Teachers will provide enriched opportunities for learning using devices.
- Teachers will support students in developing ICT related skills that will allow them to use their devices effectively.
- Teachers will ensure they meet the ICT components of the curriculum related to their Learning Areas.

The school

- The school will maintain appropriate infrastructure and network capabilities to support student access.
- The school will facilitate learning opportunities for students and staff to ensure devices can be used effectively for teaching and learning.
- The school will provide limited support and advice regarding devices connecting to the network and software installation. Maintenance and repairs will be the responsibility of the parents and carers.

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Devices brought to school must meet one of the following requirements to be practical learning tools in our school environment. Students should bring devices in a suitable casing. Cases with a hard outer layer and padded inner that fit into backpacks often provide the best protection. Additionally, students must bring suitable earbuds that can be used with their device.

Mobile phones, Chromebooks and Android tablets do not have the capabilities required to be useful in the ASHS learning environment and are not suitable for the BYOD program.

Windows 10/11 devices
- 10+ inch display (13-14 inch recommended)
- 64GB storage (128GB recommended)
- 4GB RAM (8GB recommended)
- Battery life of 5+ hours
- 2-in-1 devices and tablet PCs must come to school with a physical keyboard
- Windows 10/11S devices must be switched out of S-mode

Apple Mac laptops
- MacBook Air
- MacBook Pro
- Must support macOS 11.0+

Apple iPads
- iPad
- iPad Air
- iPad Pro
- The device must come to school with a physical keyboard
- Must support iPad OS 15
- iPad mini is not suitable for use in our school context

TERMS OF USE

By connecting your device to the ASHS school network or by bringing a device to school students and their parents and carers, agree to the following terms of use:
- Students will follow all staff instructions regarding using their device, including when it is and is not appropriate to use their device and what websites and applications they access.
- Students will not access social media on their devices, including all instant messaging applications and media sharing applications.
- Students will use the ASHS school network, which is monitored and regulated by the school. They are not to use their hotspots or other means of accessing the internet.
- Students will access the network using their personal username and password. They will not share their username and password with others.
- The school will maintain logs of student network usage.
- Inappropriate use of devices belonging to themselves, other students or the school will result in reduced access to ICTs at the school and will be managed through the ASHS behaviour management policies.
- Maintenance, repairs and security of devices is the responsibility of the student and their parents and carers.

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