BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy

This policy works in conjunction with the Victorian Department of Education's Acceptable Use Policy for DET Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) resources as well as Eastwood Primary School's ICT Acceptable Use policy and Cyber Safety procedures.

RATIONALE

The focus of the BYOD program at Eastwood Primary School is to provide tools and resources to the 21st Century Learner. Excellence in education requires that technology is seamlessly integrated throughout the educational program. ICT is used to create a collaborative learning environment in order to enhance student's problem solving skills. A BYOD program will be used for engagement, access, awareness and driving change through the inquiry learning process. The eLearning program provides support and enhances student learning in an ever-changing, global community. It is flexible, personalised and develops 21st century competencies by being embedded into the core principles and practices of teaching at EPS.

INTENDED USE

This BYOD Policy has been developed to inform Eastwood Primary School's community (Students, Staff, Parents, Carers and Administration) of the roles and responsibilities of maintaining a responsible, safe and effective BYOD policy and guideline.

CLASSES INCLUDED IN THE BYOD PROGRAM

In 2020 Grade 1 to Grade 6 students will be given the option to take part in the EPS BYOD program.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. *Minimum Requirements*
   Only Ipads or tablets meeting the following minimum specifications provided by the school will be able to be connected to the school's network. In 2020 the accepted device must have:
   - the ability to operate the latest IOS operating system
   - at least 64 GB of storage
   - a protective case
2. *Technical Support*
   As part of the BYOD program EPS will offer technical support that will assist in helping students to connect to the school's network and internet and assist with installing applications.
   All other technical support, warranty issues and insurance matters will need to be managed by parents or carers.
3. *Accidental Damage and Theft*
   The school does not provide accidental damage or theft cover for 3rd party (student-owned/teacher-owned) devices and shall therefore not be liable for any damages or theft that occurs on the school premises unless the device was under the direct care of a staff member. EPS encourages parents/carers to source accidental damage and theft insurance from an external insurance provider.
4. *Equity and Access*
   EPS understands that the BYOD Program may be a financial burden on some families. For families opting to not participate in the BYOD Program, the school will have limited devices available which will provide students with access at school to technology, however, not on a 1:1

basis. These devices will be available to use during school hours but will not be sent home with children.

5. *Internet and Network Usage*

All students, staff and parents are expected to adhere to Eastwood Primary School's ICT Acceptable Use policy.

Students and parents must ensure:

- The school has administration access to all network devices
- This BYOD Policy is adhered to.
- The ICT Acceptable Use policy of the school is adhered to
- Compliance with all laws that apply to the Internet, communications and copyright (eg cyber bullying and plagiarism will not be tolerated)
- Privacy and security (of the student and others) will be respected, unauthorised personal information will not be shared and no attempt will be made to access personal information of others.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Please refer to Eastwood Primary School's ICT Acceptable Use policy