Why BYOD?

A message from Pam Ronan—Principal

It is widely acknowledged that technology plays a huge role in students’ everyday lives and should, therefore, be an integral part of their learning, catering for the individual needs of our students.

BYOD is considered an attractive, cost-effective option. We recognise that many students already own devices that are superior and more up-to-date than those available in schools, and can be used at both school and home with our O365 suite of programs.

Some students already bring these devices to school. St Francis de Sales College will continue to provide students with learning that will prepare them for the future, developing their ICT capabilities and promote ethical and safe use of technology.

Your Child is keeping pace with learning: HANDS ON WITH TECHNOLOGY!
What is BYOD?
“Bring your own device” (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student’s family), staff or guests. Put simply, BYOD is a solution where students quite literally bring their own device to school.

Steps to BYOD
1. Start by reading the College information on BYOD.
2. Students return their ICT and BYOD agreement forms.
3. Does your Child already have a suitable device?
4. Check if the device meets the minimum specification.
5. I you wish to purchase a new device, refer to the College information on BYOD devices.
6. Book the device in with the College for a BYOD health check and connection to the College Wi-Fi Network.
7. Students must have completed a Digital Drivers Licence and returned their signed ICT and BYOD agreement and booking forms.

BYOD Device Requirements Checklist

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A SUITABLE DEVICE.

STUDENTS IN SPECIALIST SUBJECTS SHOULD SEEK INFORMATION FROM THEIR TEACHERS REGARDING SPECIFICATIONS OF BYOD DEVICES AND SOFTWARE THAT WILL MEET COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

St Francis de Sales College DOES NOT endorse smart phones as a suitable singular device for use in the classroom. Laptops, netbooks and tablets are considered more suitable devices for learning as they provide better capabilities and flexibility than mobile phones. Students should consider the rigour of their course/s when selecting a BYOD device.

St Francis de Sales College has preferred devices available to purchase from Harvey Norman and Learning with Technologies.

- Senior and Middle and Junior year 6 students: Tablet PC or Laptop / Notebook
- Junior students (Years 2-5): iPad

Recommended Specifications:
- Processor: I5, Ram: 4GB (students undertaking high end software: specific subject is 8GB), Wireless: Must support 5Ghz signal, Form Factor: Laptop, Netbook, Tablet device, Display Screen: Preferably touch-screen, Battery: All Day Battery life: 7-9 hours, Operating system: Windows 7, 8 or 10, Office 365 supported.

See the College website parent portal for details: www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au

WE RECOMMEND: WWW.ESAFETY.GOV.AU

For information and links to resources about keeping your child safe online.

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BYOD Student Responsibilities
Operating system and anti-virus:
Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. If applicable, students’ devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

Wi-Fi network connection only:
Student devices will only be connected to the College Wi-Fi network if the ICT user agreement and BYOD form has been signed and returned. There is no cost for this service.

Battery life and charging:
Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.

Theft and damage:
Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the College.

Confiscation:
Students’ devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement and College policies.

Maintenance and support:
Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

Ergonomics:
Students should ensure they are comfortable using their device during the school day particularly in relation to screen size, study.