Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for Learning in 2019

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Introduction:

St Francis de Sales College encourages the use of internet and digital technologies to benefit students' learning. We are pleased to relaunch the 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) Program for 2019– to strengthen and improve the success of the program which has been operating in the College since 2013.

The 2019 program will enable improved access to web-based research materials, problem solving, communication, collaboration, research skills and improve the digital literacy of students throughout their school lives.

The College has made a strategic decision regarding the investment of our financial resources into ICT back-end infrastructure to ensure that we can provide the best capacity for students' use of personal learning devices within our learning environment. This program of upgrades will continue through 2019.

As with all other aspects of our community operation, we are committed to working with families to ensure no child is excluded by this process, and concerned families should contact the College Finance department to arrange a meeting.

Devices:

Our strategic intent is for all Years R to 12 students to be able to access and utilise a Digital Device in their learning. The College will continue moving towards the use of iPads up to Year 3, and encouraging the use of laptops from Year 4, but will be doing so in a staged manner through to 2020 so as to not disadvantage anyone who has purchased a device under College directions in recent years.

Students in Years R to 3 will continue to use iPads, but there will no longer be the need to purchase, as the College will supply shared devices that can be used across these year levels when needed. Families who have bought iPads in recent years however are strongly encouraged to continue to have their child benefit from its use as a BYOD. Other families currently in the R-3 sub-school can therefore hold off on any purchase until Year 4.

The following table will provide information regarding your child's BYOD needs in 2019:

Student's 2019 Year Level	Action recommended
R-3	If an Ipad has been purchased, continue to bring as BYOD. **or:** If no previous purchase, school will supply shared iPads for classes to access as available.
4-5	If an iPad has been purchased, continue to bring as BYOD, **or:** If family owned laptop is available, bring as BYOD, **or:** If no device previously purchased, or looking to upgrade, purchase a laptop rather than iPad.
6-12	If family owned laptop available, bring as BYOD, **or:** If no device previously purchased, or looking to upgrade, purchase a laptop.

The College has brokered competitive prices for families through two companies (Harvey Norman and LWT - Learning with Technology) who will offer several models of personal learning devices for parents wishing to purchase a new device. You can review both companies' offerings on our website at www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/learning/byod
However, please visit LWT and Harvey Norman online for exact pricing as some pricing may change due to the volatility in the value of the Australian Dollar, and to consider options for accessories, warranty and accidental damage cover.

A reminder that the College network is set up for PC use, however, students with a preference for Apple devices may continue to use them at more senior year levels in the College, but must be aware that full functionality may not be possible due to software and network differences.

Recommended minimum specifications:

- Processor: I5 or equivalent
- RAM: 4GB (students undertaking high end software specific subjects 8GB)
- Wireless: Must support 5Ghz signal
- Display Screen: >11inch. Touch-screen optional
- Battery: All Day Battery life 7-9 hours
- Operating system: Windows 7, 8 or 10.
- Office 365 supported.

The College will continue to support existing personal devices outside these recommendations. Please be mindful that they may not have full network capabilities.

Device Registration:

The College will continue the current online registration process. This process does not need to be completed again if students are returning to the College with a previously registered device. Laptops and iPads do not have to be handed in to be configured manually.

A single online registration form replaces the Consent, Agreement and BYOD request forms of previous years.

1. Fill in the electronic form at the College website at www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/learning/byod/byod-registration

2. When the College receives the lodged form, IT staff will process your registration.

Student and Family Responsibilities:

Operating system and anti-virus:
Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. Students' devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

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.

Security:
Students are responsible for securing and protecting their device at school. A protective carry case is highly recommended. Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the College, and families are urged to investigate family insurance conditions to see if additional cover is required.

Appropriate use:
Family support of College processes is required by ensuring material on student devices brought into the College are not in breach of the Policy document committed to when signing the Registration form. Students' devices will be held and supplied directly to the parent if the school has grounds to suspect that a device is being used in breach of College policies.

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

Further information:

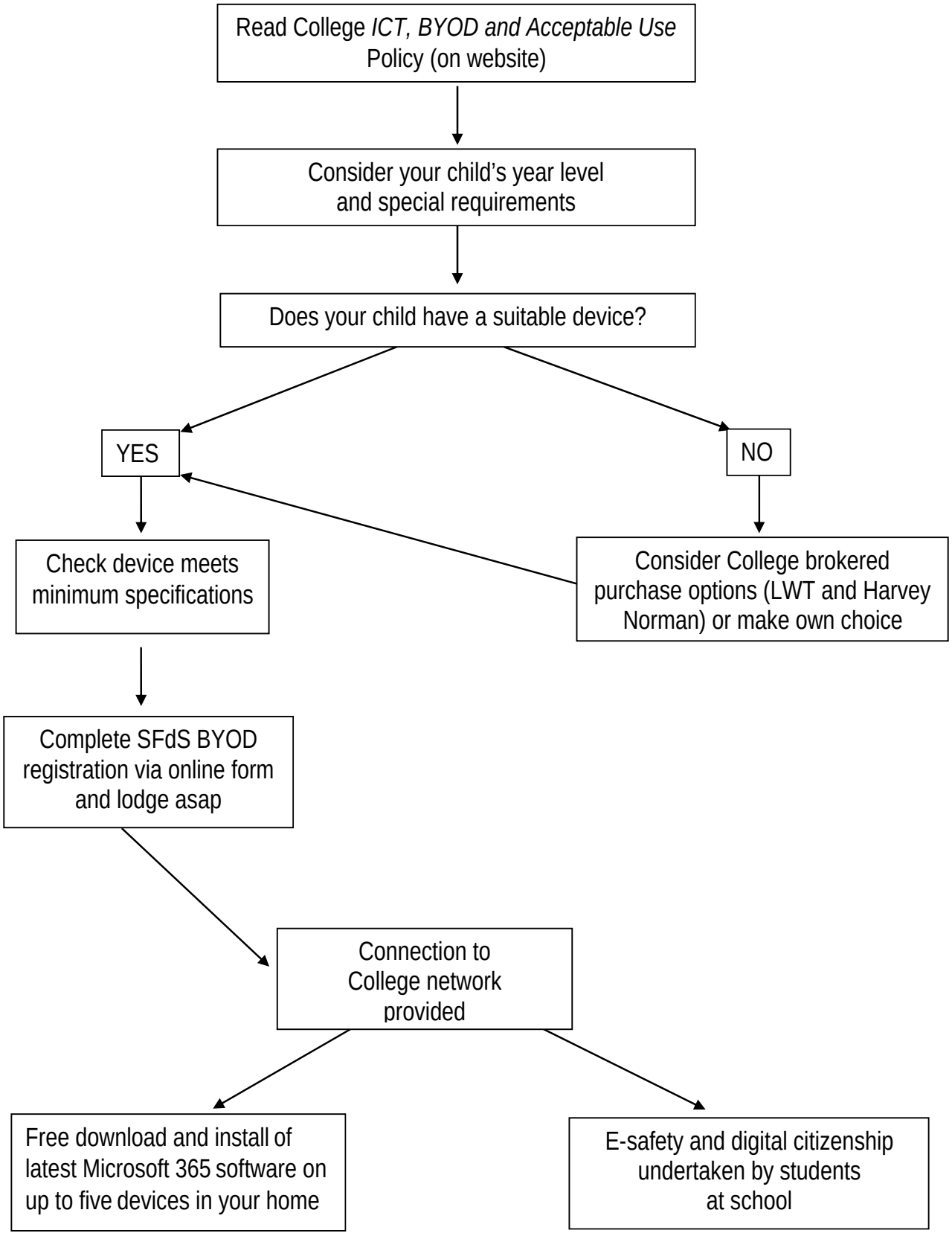
The College will continue to reduce our carbon footprint as far as can be practically achieved. You will continue to see the communication of information via online and electronic means such as Link Up, Skoolbag, Parent -Teacher interview bookings and senior years' course selections. The College will additionally be moving towards the direct electronic supply of information about student learning through the development of a Parent Portal on the College's Learner Management System, SEQTA.

A reminder that mobile phone registration is not permitted, and these student devices will not have access to the College Network.

See our College website for further details:
http://www.stfrancis.catholic.edu.au/learning/byod

We also recommend: www.esafety.gov.au
For information and links to recourses about keeping your child safe online.

BYOD 2019 STEP BY STEP:



If you need to clarify any aspect of our 2019 processes and how it impacts on you and your child, please contact Rowan Thomas (R-6) or Jacob Robson (7-12) on 8393 1000