

EQUITY POLICY

Hampden Park Public School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Equity Policy

Rationale

The Hampden Park Public School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, like all BYOD programs in an education setting, inherently imposes a financial cost on students and their families by requiring them to supply a device. At the same time, the Hampden Park Public School BYOD program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. Hampden Park Public School takes seriously the role of public education in ensuring all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOD Equity Policy is to establish the framework for the BYOD program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their families' financial means.

Objectives

1. To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by all students in Years 5 and 6 in 2015 for use in their education.
2. To ensure equity in the BYOD program and its implementation.
3. To ensure all students have access to appropriate technological resources in their classes.
4. To provide a framework through which family requests for assistance can be managed fairly and consistently.

Actions

(A) Hampden Park Public School

Hampden Park Public School will:

1.
 - a. Endeavour to provide appropriate technology resources to all students through the digital wireless network, computer labs and Library resources for printing.
 - b. Ensure the BYOD Program's Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in capability and cost are suitable.
2. Provide some devices for students who cannot afford to purchase their own device through the loan of a School Owned Device during class time.
3. Provide prioritised access to digital devices for families who cannot purchase a BYOD device.

(B) Students and Parents/Carers

There are 2 options available:

1. Consider your options for the purchase or lease of equipment that meets the Device Specification.
2. For families or do not provide a device themselves the following would apply:
 - Priority or reserved access to desktop computers in computer labs or the Senior or Junior Libraries during class time, free periods, before school or during breaks.
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular lesson or activity where practical.
 - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day where practical.