



BYOD @ Merrylands High School

What is BYOD?



BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) refers to students bringing a personally-owned device to school for the purpose of learning. All students in Merrylands High School can bring their own devices to school. Merrylands High School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly-changing world where technology plays an increasing role in students' everyday lives. Consultations with students, parents and teachers, along with a BYOD trial in 2013, showed BYOD brings many benefits to student learning.

What devices can students bring to school?

Students can bring a laptop or tablet to school. The laptop or tablet must follow the required specifications. Students currently bringing their own devices to school find the Surface Pro, Macbooks and iPads the easiest to work with.

Device specifications



Wireless Connectivity

Devices must support **5GHz dual band, 802.11 a, b, g and n wireless**. Android devices must be able to connect on all channels in the 5GHz range.



Battery Life

Devices must last at least **5 hours** without charge.



Memory and RAM

Devices must have minimum **16GB storage** and **2GB RAM**



Operating System

Devices must have the current or previous version of any operating system.



Hardware Features

Devices must have a **camera** and a **microphone**.

Software and apps

Devices must have software or apps that allow for:

- internet browsing
- notetaking
- word processing
- creating spreadsheets
- creating presentations

Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 via their student portal for free.

Active antivirus software must be installed on laptops and Android devices.

Student responsibility

Students must sign the BYOD student agreement with their parent/carer before bringing their own device.

Families may choose to purchase insurance for student devices.