

## Bring Your Own Device Program

### Equity Policy

#### Rationale

The Canterbury Girls High 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 Canterbury Girls High School BYOD program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. Canterbury Girls High 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 2021 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) Canterbury Girls High School

##### Canterbury Girls High 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.
2. b. Ensure the BYOD Program's **Device Specification** is designed so that a range of devices in capability and cost are suitable.
3. Provide some devices for families who cannot afford to purchase their own device through the loan of a School Owned Device. This will be actioned once families complete a CGHS Using a School Owned Device (SOD) Student Agreement form. A security deposit of \$100 would be required prior to the loan occurring. The security deposit would be returned when the laptop is returned in good working order to the school. Families who borrow school owned laptops under this system would be responsible for any damage not covered under warranty and any damage that is because of incorrect use of the device.
4. Provide prioritised access to digital devices for families who cannot purchase a BYOD device or pay the \$100 deposit for the secure loan of a School Owned Device (SOD).

##### (B) Student and Parents/Carers

There are 3 options available:

1. Consider your options for the purchase or lease of equipment that meets the **Device Specification**.
2. If you believe you are **unable to provide a device** that meets the specification:
  - a. Complete the form, CGHS Using a School Owned Device Student Agreement. Parents with a Centrelink card will be the priority; this principle also applies to the process implemented for the allocation of Student Assistance funds for subject contributions and compulsory excursions.
  - b. You will be asked to make an agreement with the school that confirms the alternative arrangements made for your daughter's access to technological resources. We will loan you a laptop once an agreement is signed and security deposit paid. Students who are away from school for more than one week must return the borrowed laptop to the school.
3. For families or do not provide a device themselves **(1.)** and/or who do not complete the Using a School Owned Device form **(2.)**, 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 period or class where practical.
  - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day where practical.