Bring Your Own Device Program (2016)

At Bayswater Secondary College we want to provide all of our students with the opportunity to experience the highest quality level of education. We are committed to developing student capabilities to use the latest technology to improve student learning and understanding in an increasingly technology reliant world.

To help achieve this, the College is offering all students the opportunity to bring personal devices such as iPads, laptops and tablets to use in class to support their overall learning. Given the rate of change in the technology available today, providing students with the flexibility to use their own equipment, that they are already comfortable with, will provide enormous benefits for all students.

How do I connect to the Bayswater SC Network?

Students bring their device to the Front Office, leaving their relevant details such as name, home group and their log-in details (such as password etc) so that the school’s I.T. technician can connect the device to the Network. Generally the process is very straightforward and the device will be configured and returned to the Front Office on the same day. Once configured, students will be able to access the school network, their own personal files and the internet as well.

Note: Once the device is configured, students will be able to use the device at school and home without affecting any of the original settings. While connected to the school Network students will be restricted to sites that are deemed safe by the Department of Education. Access to sites considered unsafe or uncontrolled, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc will not be permissible, whilst using devices at school.

Do I have to pay to connect to the Bayswater SC Network?

No this is a free service designed to support student learning. It should be noted that in many other schools students are charged for this service but we feel that all students should be encouraged to use their devices to support their learning.

How do I keep my personal device safe?

Given that laptops, iPads and tablets are personal devices, students must be responsible for the safety and security of their device. All students are provided with lockers and these should be used to keep the device safe when they are not using it. The school cannot be liable for any accidental damage. In the instance of deliberate damage, the relevant school management processes and consequences would apply, and the relevant replacement costs would be incurred by the person who has damaged the personal property.

What are my expectations when using a device in class?

All students are aware that computers and personal devices can only be used in an appropriate manner during class. This includes completing work using apps or software such as Pages, iMovie, Microsoft Word, Keynote, Powerpoint etc. or completing research using the internet.

Inappropriate use such as texting, playing video games or social media messaging, which affects a student’s ability to complete work or distracts other students from their work, will result in the student losing their Network access, parents will be contacted and the personal device taken home. This expectation is to ensure that the learning environment is positive and that student learning outcomes are maximised.
Note: Bayswater Secondary College believes in providing a safe and supportive environment for all students and will run a number of education activities and programs around Cyber Safety and how to effectively use personal devices. Students will be taught on how to use a range of software programs so that students improve their knowledge and understanding regarding the use of current technologies. Where possible, the College will also run parent information evenings regarding iPad and tablet use, as well as computer basics to help parents support their student's learning.

As a final notice, all parents and students should be aware that the College has invested quite heavily in upgrading our current wireless and network capabilities to better support student learning. Throughout 2016 and beyond, we are looking to introduce new courses and learning opportunities to help students understand the importance of technology but also how to improve their knowledge in a range of areas such as science, maths, robotics, programming, media publication, 3D print design, software and app development, website development, coding and game development. This will certainly help our students develop a range of skills more relevant to the 21st Century and possibilities that they will need to be aware of. We would strongly suggest that all parents consider their children's active involvement in the BYOD program to help improve your child’s educational outcomes. If you have any further queries regarding the program please feel free to call the College on 03 8720-7503.

Regards,

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