

East Adelaide School 1:1 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

At East Adelaide School we are encouraging students in years 4-7 to purchase their own device to:

- Provide increased flexibility and access to online learning
- Increase student participation in the learning outlined across the Australian Curriculum
- Enhance critical and creative thinking and communication skills
- Increase student, staff and parent online collaboration and communication
- Further build upon personalised learning opportunities
- Develop responsible digital citizenship and ICT capabilities
- Develop further the skills of digital technologies.

Students' personal devices must be Windows 10 based (Home or Pro edition) which is able to connect to Wi-Fi on 5Ghz range. Apple devices are prohibited as they are not compatible. Devices also require a keyboard; tablets are not suitable.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The IT Engineers employed by the school will add the Department for Education requirements to the devices.
- If a device is stolen, damaged or not working, it is solely the family's responsibility. Therefore, we recommend you purchase adequate warranty protection and that the device is covered under your home insurance. The school provides storage and security in classrooms for insurance purposes.
- Students must take care and responsibility for the device at school and ensure that it is charged each night at home. It will be the student's responsibility to use their device appropriately in school time and store it safely when not in use.
- The IT Engineers will not attend to any hardware problems that may arise with the device.

Personal devices need to be labelled by the parent/carer before being brought to school. If a student's device is lost or damaged in any way it should be reported to the classroom teacher immediately. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to report lost or stolen devices to the nearest police station to obtain a crime report number to use for insurance purposes.

Devices will be securely stored during recess and lunch time and accessed with teacher permission during learning time. The school is not responsible for the loss of an unattended device from an unsecured location at school or otherwise.

Students who use a personal device will be required to sign an EAS BYOD Agreement along with parents and teachers to ensure clear expectations are understood by all parties. All students and families are also required to sign the EAS Acceptable Use Agreement for the use of school devices at the commencement of each year.

Children who do not have a personal device for their use during learning, will be able to use the laptops provided by the school during school hours only. These laptops may need to be shared as we do not have enough for one per student.

We thank you for your support and involvement in this initiative.

Yours sincerely
The EAS ICT Committee

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do students use the devices every day?

Students use devices in the classroom every day for learning, communicating and collaborating with others. Specialist teachers in Science and Language also encourage students to use their devices in lessons. The devices are not used all day, as handwriting is still an important skill we are developing in young people.

Who is responsible for charging the device?

Students are responsible for charging their device at home each night. If a device is brought to school with a flat battery, it cannot be charged during school hours.

Are students allowed to take the device outside at recess and lunchtime?

Devices are not permitted outside during recess or lunchtime. The device is a learning tool and is not required during playtime.

Are students permitted to upload games and music on their devices?

This is the responsibility of parents and caregivers at home. Students are not permitted to share games and music with others during school hours and are not permitted to upload these onto the school server.

Does the school track and monitor appropriate use of internet whilst a student is at school?

The Department for Education has a filtering system that is used and students are blocked from many sites. Our school also has a network firewall for security. If a student breaches the EAS Code of Acceptable Use (sent home with students at the start of each year), this will result in consequences accordingly.

Are devices locked up when not in use?

A lockable cupboard is used to store all BYOD devices to keep them secure. Students are expected to take responsibility for their own devices and families are recommended to purchase adequate warranty protection and insure the device under their home insurance.

Who is liable if a device is dropped and broken?

Any damage to a BYOD device is a matter for the student's family, hence we recommend the device is insured through home insurance policies.

Does the school have the right to examine a BYOD device?

When using the Department's (Government's) network the school has the right to examine a student's laptop checking for inappropriate content.