## BYOD Program

Dear Parents/Carers,

Marie Bashir Public School will be starting the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program on **Monday 18th March**. This program will allow Stage 3 students to bring their own personal devices to school each week**. Students will not be allowed to bring their devices on Fridays.** These devices will be used at the direction of the classroom teacher for activities linked to class learning programs.

### Equity:
Marie Bashir Public School is dedicated to promoting equity. This program is not compulsory. To provide for students that do not have access to a device from home, the school has a bank of iPads and laptops that can also be accessed.

### Security:
Upon arriving at school, students are **not permitted** to use their device on school grounds in the morning before 9:25am. Students must leave their devices inside their school bags and are advised not to leave their bag unattended in the morning. At the beginning of the school day, students will 'sign in' their device on their classroom device register. To ensure the security of devices during breaks, they will be placed in lockable store rooms inside classrooms. These storerooms, as well as classroom doors, will be locked at recess and lunch and no student access will be permitted. At the end of the school day, students will 'sign out' their device. Devices will not be allowed to be left at school.

### Batteries:
It will be the student's responsibility to ensure their device is charged and ready to use at the beginning of the school day. There is no capacity for charging devices at school.

### Discipline:
The School Discipline Policy will be adhered to at all times, particularly when devices are being used in the classroom. Should students be found to be off task, or using their device in a way breaks the 'BYOD Parent and Student User Agreement', they will lose their privileges and may be banned from using their device at school and/or disciplinary action.

**IF PARTICIPATING, STUDENTS MUST BRING THE 'BYOD PARENT AND STUDENT USER AGREEMENT' BACK TO SCHOOL BEFORE MONDAY 18th MARCH.** Please discuss and sign the agreement with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,

*Angie Kim*                                              *Jacqueline Attard*
*IT Coordinator*                                        *Principal*

# BYOD: Device Options and Information

The following devices are acceptable for your child to use in their classroom. The recommended devices are both compatible with our school's Wi-Fi and the Department of Education's security internet settings.

**We strongly recommend that you use one from the list below as we cannot ensure that any other devices will connect to the internet or be appropriate for the activities conducted within the classroom.**

## RECOMMENDED DEVICES

### Apple iPad
*iPad, iPad Pro, iPad mini 4*

### Apple Family Funded Program
*Marie Bashir Public School have negotiated discounts for our families on Apple devices. You can access this discount by visiting any Apple store and telling them you are from Marie Bashir Public School.*

### Microsoft Surface Tablet

*Surface Laptop or Surface Pro*

### Google Chromebook

*Runs Google Chrome OS*

### Laptop – Windows/Mac

*Be sure to consider weight when purchasing a laptop device for your child.*

## DEVICES TO AVOID

### Android Tablet Devices

*Manufacturers:*
Samsung, Asus, Lenovo as well as other low-cost manufacturers.

### Why avoid Android Devices?

Android devices have some incompatibilities with the Department of Education's wireless and internet filtering system.

This may prevent your child from getting the most out of their BYOD experience and learning.

# BYOD Device Options

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## Apple iPad

**Requirements:**
- At least 64GB of storage
- Latest Mac OS

**Currently, students are not required to download any apps with a price.** However, it will be the responsibility of parents to purchase and download apps for student iPads. It is recommended to buy iTunes Gift cards. Department stores often have sales on these (20% off and 2 for sales) which means you essentially save money on the price of apps.

| Apple Apps | Free Apps | |
|---|---|---|
| iMovie | Educreations | iBooks |
| Pages | Kahoot | i-nigma |
| Keynote | Mathletics | Qrafter |
| GarageBand | Edmodo | Evernote |
| | Aurasma | Microsoft PowerPoint |
| | SpellingCIty | Microsoft OneDrive |
| | Microsoft Word | Seesaw |
| | Reading Eggs | Google Classroom |
| | GeoBoard | Google Slides |
| | Google Drive | Google Docs |
| | Google Docs | Google Forms |

## Google Chromebook

**Requirements:**
- At least 64GB of storage
- 4 GB RAM (minimum)

| Google Apps | The following programs are available for students to use online: |
|---|---|
| Google Docs | Microsoft Word Online |
| Google Slides | Microsoft Excel Online |
| Google Sheets | Microsoft PowerPoint Online |
| Google Drive | Microsoft OneDrive |
| Google Classroom | Microsoft Notebook |

# Microsoft Tablet
**Requirements:**
- At least 64GB of storage
- Windows 8 Pro or higher (NOT Windows 8 RT)
- **Android tablets are NOT compatible with the Department of Education's internet settings.**

| The following programs are free to download from the Department of Education: | The following programs are free to download from the internet: |
|---|---|
| All Microsoft Applications<br>All Google Applications (use online) | Windows Movie Maker<br>Chrome<br>QR Code Reader<br>Audacity |

# Laptop/Notebook (Windows or Mac)
**Requirements:**
- At least 120 GB of storage
- 4 GB RAM (minimum)
- Windows 7, 8 or higher (No XP)
- Latest Mac OS

| The following programs are free to download from the Department of Education: | The following programs are free to download from the internet: |
|---|---|
| Word<br>PowerPoint<br>Publisher | Windows Movie Maker<br>Chrome<br>QR Code Reader<br>Audacity |