Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

BYOD is a school policy that enhances digital capacity in students to ready them for the future workplace. Students bring a device to make learning deeper, more personalised and student-centred.

Students have the opportunity to bring a device to assist with their learning (eg. netbook or laptop with a minimum screen size of 9"). The device will be attached to the DoE wireless network (which operates on 802.11abgn/ac 2.4 & 5 GHz frequencies) and the school will provide the same filtered internet access used on all school owned technology.

It is essential to understand that Kurri Kurri High School takes no responsibility for the device and minimal ongoing technical support will be available. It is very important that parents and students familiarise themselves with the **DoE BYOD Policy**. Unfortunately damage to, or loss of BYOD technology is not covered under DoE Treasury Managed Fund insurance policies. When purchasing devices parents may also have the option to purchase an insurance policy from the supplier or relevant insurance company.

Students and parents must sign and return a BYOD Student Agreement before students start using their devices at school. Staff will have access to lists of students participating in BYOD programs through the school's Sentral administration system.

If families are unable to provide a device due to financial constraints the school has a tiered process of support. Please make contact with HT Technology & BYOD to discuss our Day Loan options.

BYOD Recommended Specifications

A current list of recommended devices, suppliers and pricing is available at BYOD 2019 on our school website. Updated specifications and pricing will be published during Semester Two.

Laptops

- Minimum screen size of 9"
- Wireless 802.11abgn/ac 2.4 or 5GHz
- Minimum 4GB RAM
- Minimum 64GB Hard Disk
- Minimum 6 hour battery life
- Active virus protection
- Chrome browser installed
- Sturdy protective case

Chromebooks

Chromebooks are a great alternative to laptops. Software applications are not installed on Chromebooks. Students create and store all work online using free cloud storage in Office365 or G Suite provided by DoE.

- Minimum screen size of 9"
- Wireless 802.11abgn/ac 2.4 or 5 GHz
- Minimum 2GB RAM
- Minimum 16GB Hard Disk
- Minimum 6 hour battery life
- Sturdy protective case

For WHS reasons Smartphones are not included in BYOD acceptable list of devices.

Other Considerations

• Weight: Devices should be lightweight to ensure ease carrying in bag.

• Carry case: Ensure devices are stored and transported in a durable protective case.

• Back Up: Students are responsible for backing up all work. Access to Microsoft Office 365 and Google G Suite cloud storage options are provided by DoE and these should be used effectively for back up. Other options are Portable Hard Drives and USB drives.

• Software: Students have access to free software including Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud as part of DoE Enterprise Agreements.

• Devices should NOT have 3G/4G mobile SIM capability.