

PRINCE  
*of* PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
COLLEGE

Agile Digital  
Learning Strategy



# Understanding our Digital Learning Program

PRINCE OF PEACE AIMS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BECOME LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO ARE CREATIVE, CRITICAL THINKERS, COLLABORATORS AND COMMUNICATORS; WHO UNDERSTAND THAT LEARNING EXTENDS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM AND IS ONGOING.



The Prince of Peace Agile Digital Learning Strategy outlines how the College incorporates information technology into the day to day education of our students. To ensure our students are prepared for 21st Century careers, all students from Years 3 to 12 are required to bring their own technological device to school (BYOD). Prep to Year 2 students have access to school laptops and iPads. BYODs at school are a logical fit in a connected society that is both increasingly personalised, but also global. This program provides a seamless learning environment in which students are able to utilise digital technologies to support and demonstrate their learning whilst at school and at home.

We believe that a College BYOD program for Year 3 – Year 12 students’ best supports and prepares them as life-long learners given:

- A BYOD program develops digital literacies and responsibilities, and digital citizenship in students
- Students come to appreciate ICTs not just as a social or entertainment device, but also as a work tool

### BYOD IN THE CLASSROOM

Structures have been put in place to help students manage our ICT expectations as safely, effectively and efficiently as possible. Protocols support:

- A balance between study, socialisation and play
- Security of devices
- Responsible student usage and digital citizenship

### COLLEGE DEVICES

The College will continue to provide ICT resources for Prep to Year 2 students to address age-appropriate learning needs. Specialist subjects, such as Graphics and Information Processing and Technology where full screen sizes and specialist software are required are still provided by the College.

### TRAINING

Training will be provided for students and parents (if required) to develop the skills necessary to manage their device, software, document storage etc. Parent Information Evenings and updates are provided on an as needs basis.

## ADVANTAGES OF BYOD

### PERSONAL PREFERENCE

- When students are comfortable and familiar with their devices, their opportunity for learning increases
- Students are able to use a device which best suits their needs
- Students may come from a “Apple Mac family” and would prefer not to use the College’s Windows computers

### CONVENIENCE

- Students are able to learn anytime, anywhere, with Bring your own Browser (BYOB)
- Students no longer need to transfer their work between home and College devices
- Students are able to use their device to take notes rather than using notebooks

### ACCESSIBILITY

- It increases the number of resources at their fingertips at any one given moment (BYOB)
- Students may wish to research, read an eBook or collaborate on projects when they have completed the directed classwork
- Students have greater choice in the manner in which they learn

# Frequently Asked Questions



**Q. What do I need to do for my child to participate in the program?**

- A. Parents of Prep to Year 2 students do not need to do anything as the College provides devices for them. From Year 3, students are required to bring their own devices to school. Their primary device must be a laptop or a dual function notebook (i.e. it can be both a touch screen and a laptop). Senior Campus students may bring multiple devices, however, Junior Campus students are only allowed a laptop or notebook.

To participate in the program, parents/carers and the student are to sign a **User Agreement for Bring Your Own Device (refer to page 6)**. The Agreement is to be returned to Student Reception.

**Q. Is my existing device suitable, or what device should I buy?**

- A. We recommend a slimline wireless enabled device suitable for web-based research, taking class notes and producing extended responses. If purchasing a new computer, the size of screen, weight, performance, and battery life are all important issues. Please note that students are not able to recharge computers at school.

Students will need a windows based laptop or Apple Mac that:

- Can support Windows 10
- Has a 6+ hour battery life
- Has a screen size of at least 10 inches

*Accessory requirements for all devices are minimal:*

- Purchase of a replacement battery after the second year may be necessary as battery life does deteriorate over time
- A padded carry bag or sleeve is essential. Lightweight headphones or bud earphones are necessary. Junior Campus students may purchase these through their booklist
- It is strongly recommended that families purchase an extended warranty for their devices and consider virus protection software for their devices

**Q. Will my child need a tablet and laptop?**

- A. Students will not need to have both types of devices. While there are a number of devices on the market that promote functionalities of both platforms, students will still be able to manage with either device with the support of their teachers. Teachers will be aware of the diversity of devices in their class and plan accordingly. Students with a tablet will be able to manage and store documents in "The Cloud", while students with laptops will be able to use browser-based apps and also utilise "Cloud" storage.

**Q. What functions will the device require?**

- A. Minimum requirements are Wifi and internet enabled. The College provides Microsoft 365 (for all Year 3-12 students) which includes word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software.

**Q. Who is responsible for the device?**

- A. The student is responsible for his or her device at all times. As stated in the Student User Agreement, the student who owns the device is the only student permitted to use the device. Whilst not in use, the device should be secured in their locker.

**Q. Will students have constant access to the Internet?**

- A. Internet use at Prince of Peace is designed for educational purposes only. Students are not permitted to use it for social networking (that is not school related) or for entertainment purposes (music, videos etc.).

We make every effort to ensure that unsuitable material is not accessed through our filtering software, however, we cannot guarantee the filtering of all such material.

Teachers will determine whether or not students are able to use their devices during their classes. This will be made very clear to the students. Ability to access the internet at any time does not mean permission to use it whenever they wish to.

Use of the device during break times and before/after school is only permitted in the Resource Centre or other approved study areas. Use of the device during these times is only to be for educational purposes.

**Q. Will students be exposed to 6 hours or more of "screen time" every day?**

- A. No. Teachers and students still utilise a range of physical and social learning experiences that are not ICT centric. Handwriting, face-to-face communication and tactile learning should not be replaced with ICTs. Management processes have been put into place to ensure that students are engaging in recreational, physical and social activities during their lunch breaks. The teaching and learning of traditional literacy and numeracy skills continues as one of our highest priorities in order to support students now and for life-long learning.

**Q. Can I lease a device from the College?**

- A. The College does not currently provide a leasing option.

**Q. Will students be able to borrow a device in the event that their device is broken or damaged?**

- A. A small supply of College owned devices will be available on short term loans to students of up to two weeks in the event of loss or damage to their own device.

It should be noted that these devices will not necessarily be identical devices to the student's device.

Students will be required to return any borrowed device in the condition it was provided. Students will be billed for any damage to borrowed devices.

**Q. What if we cannot afford a device?**

- A. Many larger companies currently offer attractive leasing arrangements such as Harvey Norman. If you cannot afford to purchase a device through one of these channels, please contact our finance officer on 3872 5773 or the relevant Head of Campus for further assistance.

**Q. Will students be able to charge their devices during the day?**

- A. Students should arrive to school with their device fully charged. There will be no opportunities for charging during the day. There have been significant advances in battery life recently. This, coupled with responsible use by students during the day, means students should be able to manage this issue.

**Q. What technical support will be provided?**

- A. The College will work to ensure connectivity of devices to the Wifi, and continue to provide documentation and information to support families in choosing and maintaining their own devices. Information evenings and workshops will also be conducted throughout the year. Students will not be able to access the College's IT staff to fix their personal devices.

**Q. Will students still have textbooks?**

- A. There are a number of different options for providing eTexts, but this industry is still in its infancy. We anticipate that print texts will still have a place in some subjects for a few years still to come, however, the introduction of eTexts will be dependent on suitability and cost effectiveness. A number of Senior School subjects currently provide electronic or alternate content resources.

**Q. How do students connect to the College's wireless network?**

- A. Students connect to the network with their school username and password.

**Q. How do teachers manage different devices at the same time?**

- A. The College has supported teachers in the introduction of multiple devices in their classroom and will continue to do so. Professional development has been provided to enhance teacher capacity. Future applications will be chosen based on their ability to be used on multiple devices. Cloud based storage also assists in students developing ownership of their learning.

**Q. Why doesn't the College provide a laptop for all the students?**

- A. There are a number of reasons for why the College is not following this model:
- A school provided, compulsory laptop program runs counter to personal choice of device. Having the ability to choose their own device, provides students with greater confidence in their usage and pride of ownership that is not achieved through a laptop program.
  - Funding: Significant pressure would be placed on school fees if we were to replace the DER funding from within the school community. Related to this is the fact that the DER only funded Years 9-12, while a BYOD program will provide increased access and learning to all students.

**Q. Who should I contact if I have questions about this program?**

- A. Junior Campus parents should contact:  
*Their classroom teacher*  
For questions regarding usage in the classroom

*Head of Campus (P-6)*  
For questions regarding the application of IT and learning

Senior Campus parents should contact:

*Their classroom teacher*  
For questions regarding usage in the classroom

*Head of Campus (7 - 12)*  
For questions regarding the application of IT and learning

# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

## STUDENT USER AGREEMENT

This program aims to provide students with the opportunity for more personalised learning by improving access to technology both at home and at school. With the privilege of using a device at the College comes the responsibility to use the technology in a manner that is in keeping with the core College values.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (student name) understand that the following terms and conditions govern bringing my own device to the College:

**1. Network and internet access**

Content accessed through the College network and the internet will be subject to monitoring and filtering. The College may block my access to the College network if I use it inappropriately.

**2. Power to recharge**

My device/s will arrive at the College fully charged as the College has limited facilities for recharging.

**3. Technical support**

As the device is neither owned nor managed by the College, the College is not in a position to offer any technical support.

**4. Insurance and liability**

It is strongly recommended that parents insure their child's device for loss or damage. The College accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of the device. Students may be held accountable for any deliberate damage.

**5. Content**

All content including but not limited to file, photos, videos and music must remain appropriate, as deemed by the College, at all times. The College retains the right to review the content of any device registered under this agreement. The College may prescribe software and or apps that I must install on my device/s.

**6. Responsible Use**

Use of a device deemed inappropriate by the College may result in the withdrawal of BYOD privileges. Students are to provide teacher or parental access to the device if requested. Use of device must be in keeping with the ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

**7. Accessing loan devices**

Loan devices are made available in the event a student owned device is damaged and sent for repair or replacement.

This agreement may be subject to review.

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Student name

Student Signature

Date

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Parent/ Guardian Name

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

***Please return this form to your Student Reception***



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