Secondary School "Bring Your Own Device" Program

Background

Pittwater House adopts a "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) technology program for all Secondary students to be used in all learning areas. The technology model in the school is for each student in the Secondary School to be equipped with their own device. Pittwater House will provide a site wide WiFi network, a suite of educational software and configuration IT support. The learning benefits of a BYOD model are that it normalises the use of technology within the classroom and creates opportunities for students to learn, collaborate and communicate beyond the walls of the classroom. Ready access to a laptop provides an invaluable educational resource that complements the learning taking place in the classroom and is suited to the balance between direct instruction and student centered work.

2018 Pittwater House Year 6 students will be able to use their current device in the secondary school. There is no expectation for these families to purchase a new device.

The 2019 BYOD program involves:
- Students purchasing their own device (privately or through the School's preferred partner, CompNow);
- Students will have, at no additional cost, the option to have Microsoft Office/Office 365 and the Adobe Creative Cloud loaded onto their devices;
- Students will also be provisioned with a school based email account;
- Students will be provided a Google account to access Google Apps and Cloud based storage;
- Students and parents can access the learning platform, Canvas, for learning resources;
- For some subjects, students will access e-textbooks via our text book partner, Box of Books;
- The provision of cyber-safe tools and resources via our cyber-safe partners' FamilyZone;

It is important that:
1. Each device has up to date virus software. We recommend Malwarebytes for Home.
2. If the student is likely to choose technology based electives, such as IST or Photography and Digital Media in Years 9 to 12 then a higher powered laptop would be beneficial.
3. iPads and other "App" based tablets, such as Android tablets, are not recommended as a prime device due to their limitations. Similarly Chromebook do not allow all software to be installed.

Purchasing

To purchase a laptop through our preferred partner please visit the TPHS purchasing portal, www.compnow.com.au/pittwater-house. Please note that purchasing through CompNow, with associated insurance, provides an onsite, business level of support in the event of any damage or warranty claim. If you elect to purchase through another supplier this support will not be through the school. Additionally we highly recommend that such devices are covered with personal insurance and with extended warranty cover. Please check your policy carefully. The school is not responsible for damage or loss of students' personal devices.

Software

Students are able to self-install software as per the instructions outlined on the Student Portal.
https://www.pittwaterhouse.com.au/portal/technology-and-e-learning

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Textbooks

Increasingly publishing companies are working on making the e-textbook options more accessible and these often offer a large range of resources and experiences not available in traditional paper texts. A large percentage of texts in 2019 will be either e-only or have e-options. Access details for these texts will be made available via the Student Portal.

Cyber Safety

We are a cyber-safe school. From 2019 we will partner with FamilyZone to provide resources for students and parents to assist in keeping our community safe. The program involves four key aspects:

1. A robust filtered internet connection whilst at school;
2. Cyber-safe learning experiences integrated into the school's wider educational program;
3. MobileZone management of all personal device whilst at school;
4. Support for families with information: on current issues, support from cyber experts and tools to help manage devices.

Please be aware that this will require students to have installed on all mobile phones, laptops and tablets that come to school the requisite MobileZone apps.

Student Responsibilities

Having constant access to technology can be revolutionary to the way students learn, opening up greater opportunities for instant access to information, more individualised and differentiated learning and increased opportunities to be creators of content rather than passively receiving instruction. However, access to technology also comes with responsibility and students must realise that they are responsible for their actions. Therefore, before they are allowed to access the technology at school they must complete the internet and ICT user agreement. They also must take responsibility in:

- Ensuring devices are always charged each night and brought daily to all lessons;
- Ensuring they are protected with a suitable case and always handled with care; and,
- Ensuring that they back up their files to a suitable location. Computer malfunction is not an excuse for the late submission of work. Students' Office 365 and Google accounts, provided by the school, offer cloud based storage.

School Support

The school will provide assistance with connecting devices to the schools networks and necessary programs where needed.

Once you have purchased the device for your son/daughter, please note that students will be required to install and configure their own device, including the setup of anti-virus software and cloud storage. Instructions will be provided to students towards the beginning of the school year.

If you have any questions about devices please contact the Director of Learning Technologies, mike.hobson@tphs.nsw.edu.au. If you have any other questions concerning the program please contact me at james.walmsley@tphs.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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OFFICIAL BYOD PARTNER

Pittwater House

has negotiated special education pricing for a BYOD portal program from CompNow.

Warranty & protection options
CompNow can provide suitable extended warranty & accidental loss or damage options for you.

Open 24 / 7
Your school's portal is available whenever you need it, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Flexible payment options
Pay directly via credit card, direct deposit (EFT) or personal finance.

Live chat support
Let our portal experts help you with any queries regarding customised BYOD*.

Painless checkout
Order products with one click, select your payment options & we'll deliver to your home or place of work.

Personalised FAQ section
The portal has a personalised FAQ section specific to your school.

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