



Trinity College

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Parent Handbook

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Trinity College operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme in Years 10, 11 and 12. A strength of the BYOD model is that it provides students and families with choice and control. It is possible to choose a device that has the features that best suit the individual student rather than 'one-size-fits-all'. Device management rests with the student and family which enables software to be easily added or devices easily connected.

Trinity is very keen to support families facing financial pressures. Families who are school card eligible or receiving a bursary are encouraged to make an appointment with the school's principal to discuss the support available.

We realise some families may already have a suitable device at home, or would prefer to look for an alternative. This is fine, but please use the details listed in the '**Trinity College Minimum BYOD Device Requirements**' as a guide to selecting a suitable device.

Trinity College cannot guarantee that devices that do not meet the minimum requirements will be suitable for students to successfully engage in their learning.

The following documents are provided as a framework to outline the BYOD programme at Trinity College:

- Trinity College BYOD Acceptable Use Policy
- Trinity College BYOD Student Agreement
- Trinity College BYOD Student Responsibilities
- Trinity College Minimum BYOD Device Requirements

Please read and become familiar with these documents as they will serve to answer many of the questions you may have.



BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Can students use a mobile phone as a BYOD device?

- o Please note that the College does not currently allow the use of devices that connect to a 3g or 4g mobile network to be used as part of the BYOD programme; this includes all mobile phone devices.

Will students need to purchase their own software for use at school?

- o Students must have current antivirus software installed on their device and must continue to maintain the latest service packs, updates and antivirus definitions. ***Antivirus software is not provided by the College.***
- o The College will provide students with a copy of Microsoft Office to be installed on their device.
- o It may be necessary for students to install additional software depending on the course being taken. Please do not purchase any additional software for use within the College unless it appears as an item on the booklist.

Will internet use continue to be filtered?

- o Yes, student owned devices will continue to use the same filtered internet connection as school owned devices. It is up to parents to determine how best to manage this at home. There are many options that can be considered such as Microsoft Family Safety or Norton Family.

Is the College considering using eBooks to offset some of the cost?

- o Trinity College already uses a variety of e-resources across many subject areas. Electronic texts are not necessarily any cheaper to purchase than traditional paper books, but they do offer advantages of interactive content and weight savings. We are continuing to investigate these alternatives.