

## BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE.

St Patrick's Technical College continuously seeks to be a leader in contemporary learning. We aim to empower students to achieve their personal best through a strong engagement with their learning by setting high expectations and providing relevant support.

The use of digital technology in education generally, and the use of personal digital devices specifically, should:

- > support and enable successful independent learning;
- > allow students to collaborate with peers and teachers using media rich technologies;
- > engage students in a personal and differentiated learning journey;
- > provide 'Anywhere - Anytime' learning; and
- > encourage critical thinking and problem-solving while enabling students to develop their creativity.

### WHAT IS A BYOD PROGRAM?

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is a program where students bring a personal laptop, notebook or tablet to the College to use as their primary technological device. The College can provide the ability to connect compatible devices to a filtered Internet service during normal operational hours.

### BYOD OPTIONS

#### BUY A DEVICE VIA OUR PORTAL

For your convenience, a link to our BYOD Portal can be accessed via the St Patrick's Technical College website home page. The portal offers a low cost solution that meets the minimum specifications of the College.

[www.stpatstech.sa.edu.au](http://www.stpatstech.sa.edu.au)

Harvey Norman also provide useful options via their school portal, <https://www.harveynorman.com.au/byod>. Other local retailers such as Officeworks, JB Hi-Fi and the Apple Store Adelaide are examples of retail outlets whose staff are experienced with assisting families to choose a BYOD option that best meets the needs of students.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR EXISTING OR NEW DEVICE

The College does not prescribe a particular device, however, we recommend the following **minimum** technical specifications:

- > 2.5 GHz or faster x64-bit processor (CPU)
- > 8GB RAM
- > 128GB SSD drive
- > Dual band Wi-Fi (2.4Ghz/5Ghz)
- > 6.5 hours actual battery life (*if using an existing device, test the battery life by using word processing and web browsing to determine how long it lasts*)
- > 11.6" screen
- > Keyboard and mouse
- > Windows 10, 11 or Mac OSX

It is highly recommended IT students purchase a Windows device.

## BYOD - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

### WHAT TYPES OF DEVICES MAY STUDENTS BRING TO THE COLLEGE?

Students may bring devices such as laptops, notebooks and tablets – please refer to previous page.

### DO I NEED TO PURCHASE ANYTHING ELSE WITH THE DEVICE?

Purchase of a protective notebook bag or case is highly recommended. For ergonomic reasons a wireless mouse and keyboard is useful for tablets. Warranty and Accidental Damage Cover should also be considered.

### AS A PARENT, AM I REQUIRED TO PURCHASE ANY ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE?

No. As part of the College's existing licensing agreements, students can download Microsoft Office on up to 5 personal devices.

### DO I NEED INTERNET ACCESS AT HOME?

No. It would be helpful to have some form of Internet access (wired or wireless) for students to make full use of the College resources from home. There are many providers of free Wi-Fi in the community that students could use outside of school hours. Please be aware that these connections do not provide filtered Internet access as experienced on the College's network.

### WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COLLEGE?

The College will provide access to a wireless network with a filtered Internet service. No other support, software or hardware services will be provided by the College. Students will be guided on how to connect their devices to the wireless network.

### WILL THE WIRELESS ACCESS BE FILTERED?

The wireless Internet access available to students is filtered in the same way that access is managed at present.

### WHAT RESPONSIBILITY WILL THE COLLEGE TAKE IF THE DEVICE IS LOST OR STOLEN?

As is the case with other personally owned items, St Patrick's Technical College is not liable for damage, misuse to, theft or loss of a student device. When not in use, students should secure devices in their locker. We would recommend families take out an insurance policy to cover the device or add it as a specified item to a home and contents policy.

### WHAT DO I DO IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE DEVICE?

If you purchase a device through the College portal you can contact the College Student Services desk who will handle the warranty claim. If you purchase a device from anywhere else, then please contact the provider or the manufacturer – this will be outlined on the warranty.

### CAN STUDENTS INSTALL PERSONAL SOFTWARE ON THE DEVICE?

Yes, if the device is a BYOD device. However, it is important to remember that as soon as a student connects to the College internet they must adhere to the Student BYOD and Computer Usage policies.

### WILL STUDENTS STILL NEED A USERNAME AND PASSWORD?

Yes. The same username and password will enable students to log on to the wireless network, the Internet and the wired network (computer rooms).

### WHERE CAN STUDENTS CHARGE THEIR DEVICE?

All devices must have a full battery each day. Charging at the College can only occur using a 'tested and tagged' charger. When purchasing a device, it is recommended they have a minimum battery life of 6.5 hours.

### AM I REQUIRED TO ADD VIRUS PROTECTION SOFTWARE TO THE STUDENT'S DEVICE?

Windows defender combined with O365 student A5 license provides protection for identity and cloud apps.

### WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO PRINT?

Yes. Printing facilities are available.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BACKING UP FILES?

Students will be responsible for backing up their own work.

### CAN STUDENTS USE ANOTHER STUDENT'S DEVICE?

No.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF STUDENTS ACCESS INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT ONLINE?

The Student Computer Usage Policy covers student use of technology and online behaviour breaches of this are dealt with through the College Leadership Team.

### HOW WILL THESE DEVICES BE USED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Students will use their devices in all subject areas to collaborate in real time, research for projects and access websites with curriculum-related content. Microsoft Office products and Office 365 services will provide most of the student's technology needs. The College will still maintain high specification computers to support student access to Computer Aided Design (CAD) software.

### WHO CAN I CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE TO ANSWER ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please email the College your enquiries or questions and they will forward them to the relevant person.

If the BYOD program and the provision of a device presents you with financial difficulties, please contact the College finance office.