



# Kingswood Primary School 1:1 BYOD Program Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Students 2022



# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to be able to offer you an invitation to join the 2022 1:1 BYOD program at Kingswood Primary School. Following the very successful introduction of a MacBook program back in 2010 the evolution of technologies has improved and diversified considerably. We would like to provide an opportunity for all students to participate in our program whilst, maintaining a high level of security.

Please consider the information provided, along with the necessary requirements involved to make an informed decision regarding your child joining this exciting and successful program.



## **THIS IS AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR NON-COMPULSORY PROGRAM**

### **It's about teaching and learning:**

A 'BYOD Program' is about supporting a 3rd millennium learning environment that engages students. Students learn better when they are engaged and research on what engages today's students points to technology. 1 to 1 learning programs match how today's students interact and learn. Technology is a tool which students use to enhance their learning, the same as a pen, eraser or calculator was for you.

A BYOD learning program is defined as an environment where students and teachers have 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week access to a device, as well as digital content, educational software and digital authoring tools.

### **Why Kingswood Primary has a BYOD Program:**

The use of technology on a daily basis will provide an opportunity to:

- Improve students' academic achievement through the use and support of technology
- Promote economic development by preparing students for tomorrow's workplace
- Enhance teaching to transform the quality of instruction
- Provide engagement for students born into the digital world

### **Teacher Planning:**

Please be advised that Year 3 - 6 teachers plan with the specific intent that every child has either a digital device in hand. This does not mean every moment involves using technology, however it is on a needs basis.

### **Inappropriate Use of Devices:**

In the event of there being inappropriate use, the owner will have their school based ICT privileges suspended for an appropriate length of time to be determined by the school and in accordance with our ICT and eSmart policies published on our [school website](#).

### **Device options for 2022:**

In 2022 students will be able to use MacBooks, Chromebooks or iPads (6<sup>th</sup> generation and later are recommended).

**ICT LEVY FOR 2022:**

Technology moves at a rapid pace and the school invests a large sum of money every year to provide the access. **The levy for 2022 will be \$25.** This levy covers the licensing fee of the management system of a Kingswood App Store which is accessible at school and from home.

**SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

The program will be a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program.

Families assume all risk and waive any liability against the school for lost or damage of goods. The conditions below must be met in full before access to the network will be granted. The school will do all it can to provide good security at school.

It is the parents' responsibility to provide the same at home.

**SPECIFIC MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS for iPads:**

- **An iPad must have a lightning charger**
- **We highly recommend Gen 5 devices or newer**
- **Device must be running the latest iOS.**
- **ALL devices must be Wi-Fi ONLY. Strictly no 4/5G capable device will be permitted at school.**

# MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: use this as a checklist

	Chrome book	MacBook	iPad
ONE parent MUST have attended a Cyber Safety Parent session (These generally once a term in the first week). This is strictly ADULTS ONLY. <u>If you have previously attended you do not need to attend again.</u>			
All students will need an iTunes account connected to their iPad device			
Evidence of a \$40 iTunes balance, minus purchased school apps			
Chromebooks and MacBooks must be at least 13" models.			
Must be prepared to adhere to naming conventions and provide Wi-Fi MAC address and serial number of the device for school security purposes			
iPad to be enclosed in a protective cover – we recommend Otterbox or Survivor covers			
All devices must be carried to and from school in some form of protective covering			
All iPads and MacBooks will need to have 'Find My iPad' or 'Find My Mac' activated			
<b><u>ALL 2022 families in Year 3&amp;4 and Year 5&amp;6 MUST register online.</u></b> This includes all existing students.  <b><u>Registration can be completed via a Compass Course</u></b> <b><u>Confirmation link from your Compass homepage for each child.</u></b>			

If any of the above conditions are not met the device **will not, under any circumstances** be provided access to our network.

We thank you in advance for your support of our BYOD innovative program as we strive to make a positive difference to the life of each student and build the foundations for success.

## FAQ's

### What happens if I choose not to participate in the program?

Your child will have access to classroom iPads and computers in the Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and specialist learning areas. In all cases, the school devices will need to be shared amongst multiple users. Under no circumstances will your child be disadvantaged.

### Why are PC Laptops not an option in the program?

Purely from a technical perspective these devices are more of a threat to our school security and school network. We are not a corporation with deep pockets to spend on security. We make do with what we have and all the technical advice that we have clearly indicates that BYO PC laptops would pose an unnecessary risk to our school. For this reason, they will not be considered.

### What happens if I miss one of the pre-requisites?

You will need to provide evidence that **all** prerequisites have been met **before** acceptance into the program. If you miss the Cyber Safety session you will have to attend the Cyber Safety session held on the first Friday of each term at 9.00am in the library. Until this evidence is produced your child **will not** be able to join the program.

### How often will the device be used in 2022?

Devices will be expected to be used daily, on a needs basis.

### How long will the battery life last?

The battery life of the iPad or iPad mini will last for at least one full day use at school and home.

**Students will be required to bring their devices to school fully charged every day.** Chromebooks or MacBooks may need to be charged through the day depending on their usage but all manufactures claim between 9-12 hours of battery life.

### Charging at School?

**No charging** will be provided at school for BYOD iPads. If a student does not charge their device at home and it runs flat they will have to charge it that night at home. We are here to help teach our children about responsibility and consequences associated with our decision-making. As for Chromebooks and MacBooks, until we experience them in day to day usage we suggest students bring charging cables to school.

### How does my child save work?

We will be using a blend of Google Suites for Education, internal device memory and our school network to save work.

### What happens if there is a technical problem with a device?

Kingswood Primary School will provide any technical assistance required to solve problems that may arise while the student is in possession of a device. It is solely the student's responsibility to get the device to the technicians onsite. The student needs to explain to the technician what the problem is and preferably show them the issue. Students **MUST** make contact with the technician on a **FRIDAY for Apple products and Tuesday or Thursday for Chromebooks and basic Apple issues.** They must be able to provide all security passwords for the technician to troubleshoot any issues. In the event the technician cannot fix the device it then becomes a family responsibility to have the device repaired at their expense.

Please note that if you wish to have our technician look at the device before returning it to the manufacturer you waive any claim against the technician or school for possible damage that may occur whilst in their possession.

### **Can a family member use the device when it is at home?**

The electronic device is your device you decide how it is used. However, it is essential that you understand that in the case of iPads, it is designed to be an individual device not a shared device.

### **What happens if the device is stolen or damaged?**

You will need to pay all associated costs, in other words it is the owners responsibility. The school will not be held responsible for any damage or theft of the device. We highly recommend you take out home insurance on the device or a completely different policy to cover it.

### **Who is responsible for internet safety at home?**

The parents. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they have a protected network and good internet protocols and environment at home. The school is providing links on the school website to further assist those parents that need additional support in this area.

### **Where do I purchase Apple products from?**

Buy from retail stores or the Apple Store (remember to request an education discount). If you buy from the Apple Store you can also have the device engraved for free. If you buy from a retail store you can sometimes get it a little cheaper. We will not recommend one above the other. We have noticed those devices with low memory tend to fill rather quickly.

### **Who is responsible for home configurations?**

The parent/s or guardian will be responsible for home network connectivity and user preferences.

### **Should I buy a cover?**

Yes. There are literally hundreds of device covers that can be purchased from stores. Naturally, some covers offer more protection than others. Families must make those decisions. Those that seem to offer excellent protection for iPads are the Otterbox and Survivor covers. For the Macbook or Chromebook we suggest a sturdy hard shell carry bag.

### **Why do we recommend the iPad 4 version and up?**

There are additional features on the iPad and mini iPad 4 that are not available on older models when running iOS9 and above. Resale value is of interest to some and therefore should be considered.

### **What is the next step?**

**Registration for the 2022 iPad/Chromebook Program is now open on your child's Compass Feed**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school via the following email address:

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