



BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

Maryland Public School Policy and User Agreement

Dear Parents,

All Stage 2&3 students will have the opportunity to 'Bring their Own Device' this year. **This is NOT mandatory.** Students may bring a tablet or laptop device provided it complies with attached requirements.

In order to get students connected "Connection Day" will be held on a date to be advised within the next two weeks. This is the day that all new BYOD students may bring their device to be connected. Further opportunities for connection are available after this day if your child obtains a device later in the year.

Students must have completed the agreement form to be allowed to have their device connected.

1. Devices may now be brought to school by students in years 3-6 after a copy of this policy has been signed and dated by the parent, class teacher and student. These devices may then be used only at the discretion of the class teacher for activities linked to class learning programs. Permission, if granted, will be for the current school year only and does not necessarily transfer to future school years. This policy will be reviewed as necessary. Changes will be published on the school website.
2. Students are responsible for the care of their devices. The school is **not liable** for any damage to or loss of personal devices that are brought to school. While the school will support the students to manage their individual devices the final responsibility will rest with each student. Devices are to remain in the classroom during recess and lunch. They will be used during class lessons and may be used in class during wet lunch and recess but only at the supervising teacher's discretion.
3. The student will be assisted to enter the school proxy server details as required into their device network settings in order to access the internet through the school's cyber safety filters. Internet access through the school's wireless network will be provided to students free of charge. Teachers will enter the security password to allow access to the school network.
4. **Any phone internet connection, such as 3G or NextG, must be switched off with the device priority pointed to the school's wireless network.** Accessing the internet independently of the school's proxy servers (ie by personal ISP) is not allowed in order to ensure cyber safety.
5. Mobile phone voice and text use by students during the school day is still prohibited by this policy.
6. Maryland PS will provide information regarding the most suitable devices. These devices are preferred due to their compatibility with the school wireless systems and their inbuilt protection against malware. Other devices may be allowed, after assessment for compatibility and, where required, assessment of up to date anti-virus protection, by the school's Technology Learning Coordinator or the Principal.
7. Students agree to only view, listen to, or access, school appropriate content on their mobile devices while at school. Due to copyright, content such as music is not to be transferred to other devices or the school's computer network. The School Principal retains the right to be the final arbitrator of what is, and is not, appropriate content.
8. Consequences for breach of this policy will be determined by the Principal and will follow the MPS Discipline Policy and DoE policies.
9. Taking photos, video or recording voice of any individual or group is not allowed without the express permission of all individuals being recorded and after permission from the teacher.
10. Students are responsible for bringing their devices to school fully charged and labelled for identification.
11. Devices should be encased in durable covers and insured by parents.
12. A tracking app (Find my Device) must be installed and activated. Students and parent should be familiar with the operation of this app.

Ms Megan Blanch
Technology Coordinator

Mrs Annette VanEgmond
Principal

Parent name & signature:

Date:

Student name & signature:

_____ Class _____

Date:

PLEASE RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER