BYOD GUIDELINES

Rationale

Pigeon Mountain Primary School is trialing Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) in 2 classrooms for Term 1 2015. BYOD will not compulsory as students will still have access to classroom computers, laptops and iPads in the classroom. Some of our students are already using digital devices outside of school for learning and communication. The purpose of BYOD is:

- Access to digital learning for all students.
- Students are more engaged and motivated to learn.
- Allows students to learn, create, share, and collaborate anywhere, at any time.
- Student comfort level with their own devices.
- Students use their preferred tools and apps, thus personalising learning.

Pigeon Mountain Primary School is planning to implement BYOD across all Year 5 & 6 classes in 2015.
The implementation will begin with 1 or 2 classes in Term 1 2015 and will roll out during the rest of the year.

Guidelines

1. The device is for owner use only. The device can be used it to work with others but the owner is in charge of the device at all times.
2. Students are expected to take their device home each night.
3. Each classroom will have a locked facility to store the devices when they are not in use. It is the student's responsibility (under the teacher's guidance) to ensure they put their device in the storage facility.
4. Students will bring their device into the classroom on arrival at school to be stored in the classroom storage facility.
5. Students are not allowed to use their devices at morning tea or lunch. The devices will be locked away during these times and when the students and teacher leave the classroom for other reasons, e.g. assembly, sports.
6. The device is covered by the owner's insurance. The school holds no responsibility for loss or damage to or theft of the device.
7. The device is used at the class teacher's discretion and with the class teacher's knowledge. Whether or not technology is used in class on any given day depends entirely upon the teacher's judgment about the best tools to use for instruction.
8. Charging of the device will be done at home and the device will arrive at school fully charged and ready to go.
9. All internet access will be through Pigeon Mountain Primary's wireless network.
10. The school will provide technology support to connect to the school's network but the school may not be able to support any technical issues and/or upgrades of the equipment/device.
11. We recommend that the device has a protective cover. You may also wish to send a headset/ear phones for your child's private use.
12. We intend to use mainly free apps in the classroom. These will need to be downloaded at home.
13. Conditions of the school's Digital Citizenship Agreement with students apply.

Recommendations for devices

Your child's device should have the following features:

- Access to the Internet
- Wi-Fi capability (NO 3G/4G)
- Minimum of 6-hour battery life
- Minimum of 16GB storage
- Minimum screen size of 7.9 inches
- Be able to capture photos and videos
- Voice record

There are many devices available on the market. As a school, the iPad is our preferred device, but your child may prefer to use a notebook, netbook or small laptop.