Bring Your Own Device @ Salesian College Rupertswood

The College has invested significantly in ICT infrastructure and processes to ensure our students are at the cutting edge of contemporary learning technology. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) enables students to bring a learning device to school each day that will best assist their learning. The focus is on empowering students to take ownership of their learning and vLearn (Virtual Learning) enables this by giving all students access to the applications and resources they need 24/7. We aim to compliment face-to-face learning opportunities with the ability to stay connected beyond the classroom anywhere, anytime.

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BYOD FAQs

1. What is BYOD and why isn’t everyone using the same device?
   The BYOD program at Salesian College involves each student bringing a personal device to school to use which will support their learning in the classroom. In 2016 we are phasing in BYOD and our guidelines around that have been designed to make BYOD as accessible to families as possible.

2. Who pays for the devices?
   These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the family.

3. Are there any devices that the College recommends?
   Yes. If you are going to purchase a new device for 2016 the College strongly recommends doing this via the JB Purchasing Portal. The JB Portal only includes devices that are recommended by the College and these are all at education prices. To access the JB Portal go to [www.jbeducation.com.au/byod](http://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod) and the Salesian Access code is 2016SCS. Parents do not have to purchase their device from the JB Portal.

4. Do I have to purchase my child a new device if we already own one?
   Not necessarily. For 2016 the College has compiled a checklist of Device Minimum Specifications for you to check that your device is suitable as part of our BYOD program. The main reason for providing Device Minimum Specifications is so that families that already own a suitable device do not have to purchase another new device for the first year of the program.

5. Can my child continue to use their iPad at school?
   Yes. Students can continue to use their iPad at school but as of 2016 it is compulsory that iPads are accompanied by a Bluetooth keyboard. This will ensure students have the best possible experience when accessing vLearn.

6. What is the JB Purchasing Portal?
   The College has acquired the services of JB Education (JB Hi-Fi) to set up a JB Purchasing Portal to make purchasing a device as easy as possible for families. The devices available to purchase are all strongly recommended by the College to any parents considering purchasing a new device for their child. All devices are listed at education prices. Optional extras can be purchased such as accidental damage protection for 2 or 3 years or accidental damage and theft protection for 2 or 3 years.
7. Are there any advantages of purchasing a device through the JB Purchasing Portal?

Yes. In addition to getting education prices on devices that are highly recommended by the College, the after-sale service provided by JB helps ensure that your device is in good hands if something goes wrong. A brief overview is outlined below:

Any device faults covered under warranty with Lenovo devices purchased through the JB Portal can be followed up by a technician who will come to the College. This will happen once the student or parent has logged the service job with JB. Any device faults covered under warranty with Apple MacBook devices can be followed up by a technician who will also attend the college once the job has been logged by the parent or student on the Apple website. Any device faults covered under warranty with Apple iPad devices need to be logged on the Apple website and an appointment booked at a genius bar at the Apple store.

Any issues related to insurance such as accidental damage including broken or cracked screens, will be followed up by parents using 5 easy steps outlined by JB to have their device repaired or replaced if insurance has been purchased. This applies to Lenovo devices and Apple devices purchased through the JB Portal. The College recommends families strongly consider accidental damage protection for 2 or 3 years or accidental damage and theft protection for 2 or 3 years.

8. What will be provided by the College?

- Secure, filtered access to the College network and internet.
- 24/7 access to vLearn which provides students with up-to-date software powered by the College servers to ensure a consistent experience across all devices.

9. What software will the College provide within vLearn?

The software catalogue within vLearn will continue to evolve over time as new technologies become available. As of term 4, 2015 we have 39 applications available to all students at absolutely no charge. The most high profile applications include the Microsoft Office 365 suite consisting of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Publisher, OneNote and Outlook. We also have the Adobe Creative Suite featuring Photoshop and Premiere Pro among several other applications which we will continue to build upon.

10. How will theft, loss or damage of personally owned devices be handled by the College?

The guidelines for the BYOD program specifically address the risk of students bringing their own devices to school. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged devices. The JB Purchasing Portal offers optional extras that can be purchased such as accidental damage protection for 2 or 3 years or accidental damage and theft protection for 2 or 3 years. See Q7 for more information.
11. How can 1:1 access improve learning?
Technology can be used in classroom learning activities to focus on the higher order skills like creating, evaluating and analysing. Modern productivity tools allow students to create content much more readily, and it is now easier than ever for students to collaborate by working live within the same file. By peer evaluating each other’s work students can gain a deeper understanding of themselves as learners and their peers.

12. What level of support will my child receive specific to their device in the classroom?
Teachers will not be expected to be experts in the use of devices so the onus is on the student to master how to use their own device to support their learning. Teachers will have been trained in how to use vLearn and students are strongly encouraged to use vLearn applications when using their device.

13. Will technology be used in every lesson?
No. Technology will only be used when it the teacher deems that it is appropriate and conducive to the aims and activities for a particular lesson. It is important that students develop as learners with and without the use of technology.

14. Who is responsible for safe internet use at home?
Parents and guardians are responsible for any use of devices off the College network and outside of school grounds.

15. Can students use their own 3G or 4G internet connection at school?
Students are required to use the College network for internet access at school which is filtered and monitored to maximise safety. Personal 3G and 4G internet connections via connections such as Hotspot cannot be used. This is outlined in the Responsible Digital Citizen Agreement.

16. What happens if we have limited or no internet access at home?
If you do not have internet access from home then the vLearn applications will not be able to load as they rely on an internet connection from home. Students in this position are encouraged to download resources such as worksheets, eBook chapters and PowerPoint slides at school. Students can also install Microsoft Office applications locally on their device for free using their school email address and password. This will ensure that Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote can be used without an internet connection.

17. Will my child be taught about eSafety and digital literacy?
Yes. Year 7-8 students will be required to take part in CyberPass accreditation programs in order to be part of the College BYOD program. CyberPass login information will also available to Year 7-8 parents. Year 9-12 students will take part in seminars, workshops and presentations on cyber-safety each year.
18. Where do students store devices when they are not being used?
Every student has a locker and along with other personal items, students are expected to store their devices in lockers when not in use. Students are not to leave devices in lockers overnight. Students provide their own locker security through the use of a padlock except at the Year 9 campus where devices will be locked in the classroom.

19. Who is responsible for device security?
Every student is responsible for their own device security. Your child should store their device in their locker when not in use, and should never leave it unsecured and unattended. Year 9 students will leave their device in their core classrooms which will be locked by the core teacher during recess and lunch times.

20. Are the devices insured by the College?
No. As with all other personally owned items such as phones, blazers, bikes, etc. BYOD devices are not covered under the College insurance. For extra peace of mind the College strongly recommends families consider insuring their child’s device. The JB Purchasing Portal offers optional extras that can be purchased such as accidental damage protection for 2 or 3 years or accidental damage and theft protection for 2 or 3 years. See Q7 for more information.

21. Who is responsible for warranty and repairs?
The College is not responsible for any warranties or repairs. All information on warranty and repairs should be sought by families when purchasing a device. For extra peace of mind the College strongly recommends families consider insuring their child’s device. The JB Purchasing Portal offers optional extras that can be purchased such as accidental damage protection for 2 or 3 years or accidental damage and theft protection for 2 or 3 years. See Q7 for more information.

22. Can my child use eBooks instead of text books if they have a device?
Yes. Electronic textbooks are normally in the form of PDF files or can be web-based resources. Both of these are compatible with any device with internet access. Parents should check book lists carefully as text books do not always have an eBooks option.

23. Will my child be able to charge their device at school?
It is expected that all students will bring their device to school fully charged before every school day. Battery life should be a top priority when choosing a device so that there is not a reliance on AC power. A device should get through a maximum of 4 x 75 minute lessons which is a total of 5 hours but we recommend a 6 hour battery life. Some power access may be available but it cannot be guaranteed and therefore should not be relied upon. If battery life is an issue, a power pack accessory should be considered. There are also several strategies students can use to maximise the battery life of their device.
24. Will my child be able to print from their device at school?
   Yes. The College uses “PaperCut MF Client” which enables “follow me” printing. Students can print their work and collect it from any printer or photocopier around the school using their student ID card. In 2016 iPads will be able to print for the first time by using any application within vLearn.

25. What level of support will be offered by the College ICT department?
   The College ICT department will support your child with connecting to the wireless network and software applications provided by the College within vLearn. Any issues outside of this such as Spyware/Viruses or hardware related faults will not be supported.

26. What is a short-term device loan?
   A short-term loan is for a period of up to two weeks. The loan device will be in the form of a College laptop or an iPad with Bluetooth keyboard. The purpose is to provide interim support to families while devices are fixed. The College has a set number of devices set aside for short-term loans. Parent permission is not required as it will be sought with a signature obtained through the Responsible Digital Citizen Agreement – Students & Parents.

27. What is a long-term device loan?
   A long-term device loan is for a period of time equivalent to a school term or greater. The loan device will be in the form of a College laptop or an iPad with Bluetooth keyboard. The purpose is to support families with challenging financial circumstances. These will be allocated on a priority basis and availability is not guaranteed. Parent permission is obtained by completing a Long-Term Device Loan Agreement.

28. Do I still need to provide my child with exercise books and stationary?
   Yes. Having 1:1 devices in the classroom will not make the College completely paperless. We strongly believe in the benefits of students developing their learning skills with and without technology. Pen and paper will still play a key role in the classroom and teachers will aim to strike a balance with how much students use technology each lesson.

29. Can I just buy a Bluetooth keyboard using the JB Purchasing Portal?
   If you are buying an iPad on the JB Portal you can purchase a Bluetooth keyboard to go with it. If you already own an iPad and just want to purchase a Bluetooth keyboard JB have offered education pricing to students who purchase a Bluetooth keyboard at the JB Hi-Fi Watergardens store. This equates to approximately $10 off. The Bluetooth keyboards must be purchased in store at Watergardens and you must have evidence of your enrolment at Salesian College, preferably in the form of a student ID card.