What is Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) to School?
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is an initiative that will allow students who have personal technology devices (laptops, netbooks and tablets only) to bring them to school to be used for educational purposes under the direction of a teacher. Students will be able to access the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ Wi-Fi network through their devices.

Our School Vision:
Technology is a tool that engages students in their learning and its use supports current research in classroom practice where the focus is on developing the skills needed to function successfully within the 21st century. The purpose of implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at Maroubra Junction Public School is to ensure each student has unlimited access to one device on a daily basis within the classroom to enhance and enrich the scope of student learning.

Students will use their personal devices in two manners:
1. to research
2. to present and publish their work in a creative and multimodal way.

Why implement a BYOD program?
- BYOD allows students to store and save their work on one device without loss or inference by others
- BYOD gives student’s ownership and empowers them in becoming facilitators of their own learning
- BYOD gives students the feeling of comfortability and familiarity when using their own device
- BYOD enhances the link between home and school
- BYOD allows a growing school to provide a better ratio of students per device on a consistent basis
- BYOD allows for personalised and differentiated learning for all student abilities. The use of personal devices give students unlimited access to different creative elements which can be adjusted to each learner to produce quality pieces of work
- BYOD establishes a culture of digital citizenship, one of the most important aspects for preparing students for safe and effective experiences in the online world.
There will be specific guidelines for the use of devices in which the students, parents and staff will need to adhere to. Students will be trained at school in the acceptable use of devices and digital citizenship. Students and their parents/caregivers must complete and return this signed BYOD Student Agreement prior to participation in BYOD.

Maroubra Junction Public School has committed to a BYOD model that ensures all students have access to technology. For families who chose not to participate in BYOD, there will be a number of school owned devices that will be available for students to use during classtime.

The BYOD proposed timeline as per the strategic directions outlined in the School Plan 2015-2017

**Term 2, 2015:** The development of the BYOD Student and Parent User Agreement
   Purchasing of secure storage and school based devices to support the implementation of BYOD

**Term 3, 2015:** Trial the implementation with Year 6 classes, two days a week
   Evaluate the school Wifi infrastructure
   Develop staff capacity in the implementing BYOD

**Term 4, 2015:** Increase the number of days for devices in Year 6 classes
   Trial 2 days a week in Year 5 classes.
   Develop staff capacity in the implementing BYOD

2016:
   Full time BYOD in Year 5 and 6
   Possible trial of BYOD in Year 4 classes
   Develop staff capacity in the implementing BYOD

2017:
   Full time BYOD in Year 4, 5 and 6
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 
Parent and Student User Agreement

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Parent and Student Agreement:

Student Responsibilities

1. The student takes full responsibility for his or her device. While every effort is made to ensure their security, the school and its staff take no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the device either at school or in travel to and from school. Student devices are not covered by Treasury Managed Fund. Insurance is the responsibility of parents/caregivers and students.

2. The student is responsible for the proper care of his or her personal device, including any costs of repair or apps/software, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school.

3. The student is responsible for charging their device prior to bringing it to school. It should be capable of running off its own battery while at school.

4. The student will use the school’s wireless network. Use of 3G and 4G wireless connections is not allowed. If the device has a SIM card parents are required to store the SIM at home.

5. The school recommends that each device is housed in a sturdy case for protection and if possible have a password code. If the device is an iPad, the school also recommends parents enable the ‘Find My iPad’ application and become familiar with its use.

Storage

6. The student and parents agree to provide a sturdy combination lock to be fitted to the student’s assigned locker. The arm of this lock needs to fit through a bracket that is approximately 1 cm in diameter. The student agrees to store their device in the secure locker outside of class time and before school. The student agrees not to take their device into the playground unless for class use, under teacher supervision.

Usage

7. The student agrees to take their device home each night and will not store the device overnight at school.
8. When at school, the student should only use their device to access classroom related activities. Schools are under no obligation to provide technical support for hardware or software.

9. The student will comply with teachers’ requests to turn off the device for learning purposes.

10. Students should not take photos, video or sound recordings of other students and members of staff without their knowledge and consent. They are not allowed to transmit or post photos, video or sound recordings taken at school without the permission of a teacher.

11. The school reserves the right to inspect a student’s personal device if there is reason to believe that the student has violated school policies, school values or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.

12. Violations of school or class rules involving a student’s personally owned device may result in the student being banned from using the device at school and/or disciplinary action.

As a student, I understand and will abide by the above conditions. I further understand that any violation of the above may result in the loss of my network and/or device privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

As a parent, I understand that my child will be responsible for abiding by the above conditions. I have read and discussed them with her/him and they understand the responsibilities they have in the use of their personal device.

I give my child ______________________ of class _____ permission to bring the following device to school.

Device:_____________    Serial Number:_______

Student Signature:_______________________

Parent Signature: ______________________

Dated:________________________

This policy was endorsed by the Maroubra Junction School Council on 1st June 2015.