**STUDENT BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY**

# Introduction

As we enter a new era of education with the new National Curriculum, schools are required to assist students to develop their 21st century learning skills. At Burwood Public School, based on current educational research we have found the iPad to be the most effective learning tool that facilitates the development of 21st century learning skills within primary school classrooms.

# Key Principles

Access to the Department of Education (DOE) WIFI network, including the Internet, will be made available tostudentswho bring their own devices to school for learning.

BYOD provides an effective process that allows schools and the DOE to efficiently incorporate student- owned devices into our digital learning environment while securing and protecting school and DOE infrastructure and data.

# Devices

At Burwood PS, BYOD iPad 3s or newer are deemed acceptable ‘devices’. **Devices** such as Android/Windows based tablets, laptops will not be included in our BYOD policy.

1. **Technical Support:**

Students agree to ensure their iPad has the latest approved IOS operating system for the device and that their core learning apps are installed and always updated. A list of the core learning apps required to be installed on BYOD iPads will be provided to students. Participating students understand that Burwood PS will not provide technical support for iPads brought from home. We will however, help where we can.

1. **Covers:**

iPads brought from home for use at school must have a protective case that minimizes damage in daily use. A folio case style of cover with or without a keyboard will offer some protection, but may hinder use of camera. Should an iPad be damaged, parents are asked to have the device repaired as quickly as possible. The school will endeavour to provide a replacement device for use at school in the short time it takes to fix the device.

1. **Apps**:

iPads brought to school from home will have installed a list of the school’s nominated ‘core learning apps’ at your expense, not the school’s.

As the device is not owned by the school, other apps are allowed to be installed, although the school reserves the right to request having certain apps removed that are deemed inappropriate for a school environment.

The school may withdraw the right for the device to be brought to school where these apps deemed inappropriate are not removed.

1. **Charged:**

Students who participate in the BYOD program agree to bring their iPad from home every school day the iPad is to be used, fully charged.

1. **Damage / Theft**:

The school does not accept responsibility for any damage, theft or loss of any iPad brought to school. You may wish to communicate with your insurance company and determine cover as BYOD iPads are not covered under the NSW Govt. managed treasury fund.

1. **Student Use:**

Students who bring their own iPads to school or are using school iPads will be held personally responsible for the correct/ appropriate use of their iPad and apps. Students will not be able to use iPad’s during the school breaks and in the playground unless there is explicit approval from the class teacher

1. **Network Access:**

In the case of a BYOD iPad causing issues with the DOE or WIFI network, the school reserves the right to limit network access until the situation is rectified.

# Equity

We are committed to our obligations as a public education institution to deliver the same learning opportunities to all our students no matter their family’s financial means.

Students who do not BYOD will be supplied with school owned technology, where possible, (it may not be an iPad.) School owned iPads will not go home with the student. Those families experiencing difficulties with payment are encouraged to communicate with the Principal for assistance.

# Student Responsibilities

All students using school or BYOD iPads are required to use their device in an acceptable manner within the context of the school and the home.

Students must follow their teachers’ directions whilst using their iPads in the classroom. Should a student choose not to comply with these expectations of usage/behaviour, the school’s discipline procedures will apply and access to the school’s network may be removed for a period.

***Students agree to:***

* Comply with the NSW DOE acceptable usage policy
* Managing battery life and regular charging of their own device
* Labeling their own device for identification purposes
* Purchasing and using device protective casing
* Ensuring the device is safe and secure
* Maintaining up-to-date operating system on their device
* Consider taking insurance coverage of their own device to protect any accidental damage or theft or loss
* Not use another student’s device without their permission
* Not to alter their or others’ iPad settings without a parent present
* Not use iPad’s during the school breaks and/or in playgrounds without approval from the class teacher

**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) AGREEMENT**

It is important to ensure that students (and their parents or carers) are aware of and agree to their obligations under the Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy prior to using their own device in the schools digital learning environment.

We have read this policy and understand our responsibilities and agree to our obligations as students, and parents or carers of students at this school under the Burwood PS BYOD Policy.

By accepting the terms, the student and parents/carers acknowledge that they agree to:

* Comply with the conditions of the BYOD Policy as stated in the document attached;
* The school and the DOE having the capacity to access their device and the data/information it contains at the principal’s discretion;
* The DOE or the school not accepting any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student’s iPad;
* Comply with departmental DOE or school policies concerning their use of BYODs device at school and while connected to the Department’s DOE network.
* Will not use a device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is offensive, abusive or considered to be bullying.
* Report any inappropriate behaviour or material a teacher;
* Label their own device for identification purposes;
* Ensure their device has the current IOS operating system;
* Have a protective casing on their iPad and ensure the device is safe and secure;
* Manage battery life and regular charging of their own device;
* Not use another student’s device without their permission;
* Not to alter their or others’ iPad settings without a parent present.
* The withdrawal of BYOD permission and access should the student not comply with this agreement;

**Student BYOD Agreement:**

We have read this policy and understand our responsibilities regarding the use of the iPad at school.

In signing below, we understand and agree to the Bring Your Own iPad Contract as above.

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**Signature of student:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: ...... / ...... / ...........**

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**Name of parent/carer:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of parent/carer:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date: ...... / ...... / ………….**

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