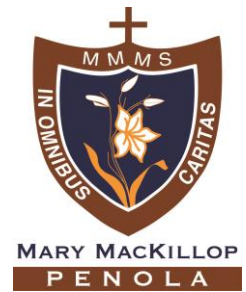


Mary MacKillop Memorial School



BYOD Policy

Developed by: Staff and School Board

Notes:

1. All references to 'Staff members' include Administration Staff, Support Teachers, Teachers and Temporary Relieving Teachers.
2. All students have access to devices – both laptop and ipads owned by the school at all times.

Underlying Assumptions, Philosophy and Rationale:

We at Mary MacKillop Memorial School believe that:

- *The future of the world and of the church belongs to the younger generation, to those who, born in this century, will reach maturity in the next, the first century of the new millennium. Thus, the Catholic school should be able to offer young people the means to acquire the knowledge they need in order to find a place in a society, which is strongly characterised by technical and scientific skill.*

(The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium)

Purpose/Aims:

Through the application of this policy, we at Mary MacKillop Memorial School aim to:

- serve the needs of our students, equipping them for a world and a future that is constantly changing. Through the integration of technology it is possible to give all students the opportunity to become competent, discriminating, creative and compassionate users of a range of technologies. This opportunity extends beyond the classroom, beyond the student and teacher and into the wider local and global community. It provides new opportunities for parents to engage with the child's learning programs and progress
- implement a program that will integrate technology into teaching and learning to enhance student learning and prepare them for the digital world in which we live. Technology is simply part of their everyday environment. To meet their needs, this technology can no longer be simply a 'tool'. The technology has to be pervasive – always available. A digital environment enables communication and collaboration between students, teachers and parents, connecting all parties to the same learning experience.

Guidelines:

In support of this policy:

The Principal will:

- reserve the right to ask that all offensive uploads be taken down on request
- act to discipline breaches of deliberate damage. The School takes no responsibility for the damage of student owned devices

Staff members will:

- offer options and installation of free anti-virus and anti-malware applications
- support students in good choices of appropriate material by way of downloads and communication
- provide appropriate choices in apps and programs that represent good value and maximise learning and presentation experiences

Children will:

- arrive with fully charged devices as charging facilities are not available at school
- keep their devices turned off and in their school bags before and after school
- report issues or concerns with IT to staff for resolution
- Take care of all IT resources whether owned by the school, yourself or other students, and be held accountable for deliberate damage
- Take care to place the device on a stable surface and carry it with care
- Ensure any personalised names in the device settings are appropriate
- Offer the device for auditing and review when asked by the School
- Follow the rules of the Mary MacKillop Memorial School Cybersafety Agreement

Parents and Carers will:

- if participating in this voluntary program, provide a device with the following requirements :
 - A 6 hour battery life
 - Dual band WiFi
 - Active anti-virus
 - A protective sleeve/case
- ensure the device is covered under their Home and Contents Insurance
- have items and all equipment well labelled
- ensure up-to-date anti-virus installed on laptops
- ensure the device brought to school has storage space for learning tasks
- ensure that the laptop does not contain inappropriate content from home
- ensure that the device is free from social media apps

Implementation:

All staff, parents, carers and children will be made aware of and have access to the policy via the school newsletter and website.

Ratified by School Board on 27th October 2021

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