St Bede's Primary School
BRAIDWOOD

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY

RELATED POLICIES AND HANDBOOK PROCEDURES

Student acceptable Use Agreement
Staff Acceptable Use Agreement

PURPOSE

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)

At St Bede's we are aiming to serve the needs of the current 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.

The responsibility that underpins this program, and therefore this document, is paramount to the success of the program. The misuse of information and communication technologies (ICT) can significantly damage an individual's dignity. This policy calls to attention an individual's right to freedom from such behaviour.

We encourage a close reading of this document by parents and students and acknowledge the expertise and experience of Holy Trinity, Curtin, St Bede's Red Hill and the support of the CEO Information Technology personnel in preparing this policy and supporting St Bede's in implementing this program.

St Bede's is striving to implement a program that will integrate technology into all 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.

POLICY

Device Usage and Instructions

When students are participating in the BYOD Program, they will first be given the terms and conditions in the Student Acceptable Use Agreement. These forms need to be read and signed by parents and the students and returned to the school. All students must abide by the expectations outlined in both the Policy and Agreement.

DEFINITIONS

BYOD   Bring Your Own Device

Device   The prescribed device for St Bede's students is an iPad or iPad mini

PROCEDURES

What does my child do if a device has been lost, stolen or damaged at school or travelling to/from school?	If the device is lost, stolen or damaged, the student must report it to their teacher immediately. An incident report will be filled out. Parents must ensure their device is insured with their Home & Contents insurer.
What apps will be loaded onto the device?	The school will provide each family with a list of apps appropriate for their child. These will be a combination of both free apps and those that cost.
Can I load other content onto my child's device?	Yes, you may. Students will only use apps as directed by a teacher. 'Play' or game apps used at home will not be used at school without permission from teacher. Additional content should be backed up via the 'Cloud' or on an external device.
Who is responsible for keeping the device charged?	Your child is expected to bring the device charged each day.
Can I connect my child's device to our home network?	Yes, you can connect to your home network, wirelessly only. You can use your home network to access the Internet and to load and share content

REFERENCES

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