MACARTHUR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) STUDENT AGREEMENT

Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the principal.

I agree that I will abide by the school’s BYOD policy and that:

☐ I will use the department’s Wi-Fi network for learning.

☐ I will use my device during school activities at the direction of the teacher.

☐ I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.

☐ I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.

☐ I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.

☐ I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.

☐ I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is:

  ➢ offensive
  ➢ pornographic
  ➢ threatening
  ➢ abusive or
  ➢ defamatory
  ➢ considered to be bullying.

☐ I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.

☐ I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.

☐ I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my device.

☐ I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer’s warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.

☐ I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.

☐ I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.

☐ I have read and will abide by the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ *Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students.*
Date: ___/___/____

___________________ in the presence of: ______________________
Student name  Parent/caregiver name

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Student signature  Parent/caregiver signature
BYOD Device Requirements

**Wireless connectivity:**

*High schools*: The department’s Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. Devices that do not support this standard will not be able to connect.

**Operating system:**

The current or prior version of any operating system.

**Software and apps:**

School-based requirements. All software and apps should be fully updated.

**Battery life:**

A minimum of 5hrs battery life to last the school day.

**Memory and RAM:**

A minimum specification of 16 GB storage and 2 GB RAM to process and store data effectively.

**Hardware features:**

Camera and microphone.

**Ergonomics:**

Reasonable sized screen and a sturdy keyboard to *enable continuous use throughout the day*.

**Other considerations**

*Casing*: Tough and sturdy to avoid breakage.

*Weight*: Lightweight for ease of carrying.

*Durability*: Durable and strong.

**Accessories**

*Carry case*: Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device.

*Insurance and warranty*: Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

*Back-up storage*: Consider a portable hard drive as an appropriate source of back-up storage for essential documents.

**Operating system and anti-virus:**

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. If applicable, students’ devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

**NSW Department of Education and Communities’ Wi-Fi network connection only:**

Student devices are only permitted to connect to the department’s Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

**Battery life and charging:**

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. *No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.*
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**Theft and damage:**
Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. *Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department.*

**Confiscation:**
Students’ devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

**Maintenance and support:**
Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

**Ergonomics:**
*Students should ensure they are comfortable using their device during the school day particularly in relation to screen size, sturdy keyboard etc.*

**Data back-up:**
*Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly.*

**Insurance/warranty:**
*Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.*