



Hunter School *of the Performing Arts*

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

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This policy is applicable to staff, students and parents and outlines the terms and conditions governing the BYOD program at HSPA. While the policy is intended to be as comprehensive as possible, there will inevitably be some situations that are not specifically covered. In these circumstances, the Principal or their delegate will decide the appropriate course to take in the circumstances.

Rationale

HSPA values the rich learning experiences that tightly integrated interactions with technology brings. Our school is committed to creating a 21st century learning environment that will help our students in becoming self-directed learners, collaborative team players, critical and creative thinkers, wise information consumers and intelligent information producers. By facilitating a BYOD program, HSPA empowers its students and gives them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning.

Policy Statement

As an integral part of a broader whole-school commitment to delivering quality teaching and learning, the BYOD program aims to help prepare and equip our students to thrive in the 21st century. BYOD is not compulsory, but students will be allowed and encouraged to bring ICT devices to school for learning.

Why BYOD?

Reasons include:

- Supporting the development and use of technology skills as embedded in the Australian Curriculum and NSW BOS syllabuses.
- HSPA's strong and ongoing commitment to delivering engaging and relevant 21st century teaching and learning.
- The ubiquity of wireless internet enabled devices.
- The integral nature of these devices to the students' own world.
- Leveraging students' attachment to their own devices to deepen learning and make learning more personalised and student centred.
- Helping to increase skill attainment relevant to workforce and higher education requirements
- Personalising learning experiences for students.
- Encouraging independent learning.
- Promoting anytime, anywhere learning opportunities.
- Allowing for group collaborative and co-curricular learning practices.

Implementation

- Students must return the HSPA BYOD Student Agreement prior to connecting their devices to the DEC Wi-Fi network.
- Students must comply with the HSPA BYOD Student Responsibilities statement
- Students personal devices must comply with the HSPA BYOD Device Requirements statement
- A mobile phone is not part of HSPA's BYOD program

Supporting Policies

- Student Bring Your Own Device Policy (NSW DEC):
- Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students (NSW DEC)
- HSPA Mobile Phone policy
- HSPA Discipline policy
- HSPA Anti-Bullying Policy

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually. Parent, students and staff will be informed of policy changes, with appropriate prior consultation if these changes are significant in nature.
