BYOD- Bring Your Own Device FAQs
Frequently Asked Questions

From the commencement of 2016, Grays Point PS is implementing a full BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad model across Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). Our vision is to encourage creative and innovative learning opportunities for students using BYOD as a tool to facilitate learning.

Why is Grays Point going BYOD?
From 2014 we purchased our first bank of iPads for student use and subsequently saw the educational benefit of these devices across the school. Many NSW schools are currently adopting the BYOD model to enable ‘one to one’ student access to technology. To assist your child in making the transition to high school, we believe it to be beneficial that our Stage 3 classes follow a similar program. Many schools are already BYOD schools. Grays Point staff have been very careful and considered in their approach to this program as we understand that it is a financial investment for families.

What capacity do you recommend?
32GB or higher capacity is recommended.

What IOS is the minimum requirement?
IOS9 is preferred, but we’ll manage with IOS8.

Do we send them to school on the first day 2016?
No, iPads will not be required on the first school day of 2016 as students will be in 2015 classes with their previous teachers. A student agreement will be issued, signed and returned before students are asked to bring their device to school.

What sort of case do you recommend?
A sturdy case that covers and buffers the device is recommended. A screen protector will be required on all devices. Devices should also be labelled.

What type of iPad can we bring?
iPad 2, 3rd Gen,4th Gen, Mini (all models), Air, Air 2

Why not android devices?
With the number of devices we need to streamline what kids bring in so we can manage how we use them. Most have iPads.

Can iPads with a sim card be sent to school?
Yes - but without the sim card please - the sim card negates the protection of the DET network

How will the school ensure the safety of these iPads during school time?
Safety has not been a great issue in most schools with BYOD. iPads would be secured in rooms during the day. Students will be trained on the procedures to manage their security and safety. It is recommended that “Find My iPhone” App be installed and switched on.

Will they be used everyday?
They would be regularly used, but not all day, every day.

What happens if there is a theft or accident at school and a ipad is stolen or damaged, who is responsible for replacing the device?
A user agreement will be sent home with your child before they bring their device to school. It will stipulate the responsibilities of everyone involved (students, carers, teachers) so that everyone understands their accountabilities.

What if your child might not be going to Kirrawee High and you don’t own a iPad, it would be expensive to buy one just for that year.
For the cost of $3.00 per school day, a student can purchase an iPad suitable to be used for learning at Grays Point PS through our website link under “Curriculum and Activities”. Any student who cannot supply an iPad will be supported with a school resource. They will not be able to be taken home.

Any additional questions can be answered by emailing grayspoint-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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