

FAQs for BYOD in 2016

1. Do I need to purchase a new device for my child?

- ❖ [Click here](#) to view the table that outlines device requirements for students.
- ❖ If your child already owns a device **that meets the requirements**, they can bring that to school and will not need to buy a new device.

2. If I need to buy a device for my child, where should I purchase it from?

- ❖ You may purchase devices from any supplier, however, RSC has negotiated a competitive deal with *Trident* who will make a purchase portal available from the RSC website.
- ❖ Parents will be notified when the Purchase Portal is opened (late term 3).
- ❖ The Purchase Portal will contain a number of options for students at different price points. All of the options will satisfy the minimum required specifications.

3. What happens if my child's device gets damaged or stolen whilst at school.

- ❖ Parents are strongly encouraged to consider insurance and warranty cover for BYODs, as they are not covered by the school. Devices purchased through the Purchase Portal will have warranty and insurance options.
- ❖ RSC has developed policies, protocols and procedures designed to encourage safe and responsible use, but cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of devices.

4. How much will BYOD cost?

- ❖ We recognize that the purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may last a number of years and viewed over the long term, the total expenses of school are considerably less.
- ❖ The purpose of identifying minimum specifications is to allow families to utilise suitable devices that they already own.
- ❖ The Purchase Portal that will be available from the school website has extensively negotiated competitively priced devices at a range of price points.
- ❖ Students will only require a maximum of 2 devices over the 6 years of their Secondary Education and devices already purchased for the Year Seven and Eight Learning Communities and MSA will continue to be used.
- ❖ School Fees from 2015 will include a \$70 IT levy. This is an extremely important contribution to the school that will assist to offset the infrastructure and personnel costs of a viable BYOD that supports student learning.
- ❖ RSC has developed an Equity Policy designed to assist families experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact the College for further details.

5. Will my child use their device all the time?

- ❖ No. Devices are tools for learning that will be used along with all the other tools available at school and home (e.g. pen, paper, calculators, books, etc).

6. Will students use their devices before school or during breaks?

- ❖ Devices will be left in lockers during breaks. (Students may be involved in special, teacher-supervised activities during breaks that require devices. In this case, the teacher-in-charge will manage the children while they collect, use and return their devices.)

7. Will my child still use hand writing?

- ❖ Yes. Devices will not totally replace handwriting. The mode of communication used will depend on the learning opportunity.

8. Will internet access be filtered?

- ❖ Yes. All internet access via our network (WiFi and wired) is routed through NetBoxBlue Filtering for internet delivery and firewall. Whilst this is a new and sophisticated system, it is worth noting that no filter system is perfect given the dynamic nature of the internet.

9. Where do I purchase my child's books?

- ❖ **Years 7 to 9 GE, RIA and RSA** The e-book textbook bundle from **Jacaranda** and all other requirements from **Campion**. Please check both sites.

All MSA students, all year 10 students and all VCE students please check the **Campion** website for your Textbooks and other requirements.