Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

Rationale

The centrally driven and supported model for the supply of technology resources in education is no longer a model which can meet the demands of teachers and students. Galston High School values the rich learning experiences that tightly integrated interactions with technology brings. By facilitating Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Galston High School empowers its students and gives them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning.

Objectives

1) To facilitate and promote the bringing of a computing device to school by all students in Years 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2014 and all years by 2015 for use in their education.

2) To provide a safe environment in which students can achieve Objective 1.

3) To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility.

4) To enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.

5) To provide a basis on which Galston High School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.

Students and Parents/Carers

- All students are encouraged to bring their own computing device to school each day.

- This device must be:
  - An assigned device supplied pursuant to the Digital Education Revolution program, or
  - A personal device of student’s own choosing and ownership which meets the Device Specification.

- The personal device must be able to be brought to school on each and every school day and be solely the student’s to use throughout the school day.

- Students and Parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the Device Specification.

- By bringing a device to school, students and parents agree to the school’s BYOD User Charter which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device at Galston High School.

- Students must use their device in accordance with the Department of Education and Communities’ policy Online Communication Services: Acceptable Use for Students (PD/2002/0046/V04) and the BYOD User Charter.

- Each student is absolutely and solely responsible for the care and conduct of his own personal device whilst:
  - at school or at other school activities
  - travelling to and from school or to and from other school activities

- Students must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by Galston High School using their own, individual user account credentials only. Students
must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular. Students must not bridge the Galston High School designated network to any other network.

- Use of students' own devices in class is at the sole discretion of the teacher. This is to ensure that the technology is used in an appropriate and meaningful way to enhance the lesson and is not a distraction that hinders the teaching and learning process. If the device is not required for a particular lesson, students agree to secure their device and not engage with it.

- Teachers will follow normal standard discipline procedures in case a student fails to bring their device, in the same manner as if a student fails to bring any other required material to class.

Galston High School will:

- Publish a Device Specification that describes the requirements for devices brought to school pursuant to the BYOD program.

- This Device Specification may include requirements for devices specifications that go to:
  - Size or form factor
  - Network connectivity
  - Operating system and standard software
  - Method
  - Security measures
  - Battery runtime
  - Other device feature or software requirements determined by the school

- Provide a wireless (5Ghz) network with filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their BYOD program device.

- Provide support to assist students with establishing network connectivity with the BYOD program device where possible.

- Accept no responsibility for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair required on a student’s own device through any act or omission resulting from the negligence or otherwise of the school, a member of the school staff or of another student.

- Should a student’s device fail to meet a requirement of the Device Specifications, the school will not facilitate the student’s access to any network or school services. The school may direct a student to cease bringing a device to school which does not meet all the requirements of the Device Specification.

- Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Agreement, they may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary action may also be appropriate.