Bring Your Own Device
User Agreement

By enrolling at Galston High School, students and parents accept this agreement. Parents who do not wish their child to be involved will need to inform the school in writing.

“Device”

Reference in this agreement to Device means any electronic device brought by a student to Galston High School.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program aims to improve student learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. Galston High School provides considerable freedom to students in their choice of technology and in their use of technology in the classroom. The school does so with the expectation that students will make good decisions with regard to their personal use of technology.

Equipment

The device brought to school pursuant to this agreement must be able to be brought to school by the student on every school day and be solely the student’s to use throughout the school day.

The device must meet all the requirements of the Device Specification. This includes meeting any required physical device characteristics and having the listed software installed. The Device Specification is a separate document available from Galston High School.

Equipment which is not in accordance with clause (3.2) is not permitted for use in the Bring Your Own Device program and may be confiscated by the school for return to parents.

For the removal of any doubt, Galston High School will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage to:

a) the device
b) data stored on the device

while the device is at school or during a school-related activity, absolutely, in negligence or otherwise. Parents and students should consider whether their device requires insurance and whether specific accidental loss and breakage insurance is appropriate for the device.

Students should not bring peripheral equipment, including power charges and cables to school with their device. Liability for damage or loss of peripheral equipment will in all circumstances be borne by the student.

Students are responsible for:

a) Taking due care of the device in accordance with school guidelines.
c) Backing up all data securely. All electronic data and resources used for school coursework should be stored on another device or electronic medium accessible on demand. Students must not rely on the continued integrity of data on their device.
Misuse of equipment and communication systems

Standard school discipline procedures apply for misuse of the device contrary to agreement or other school or DEC rules and policies. Examples of action the school may take in cases of misuse include:

a) The device is taken away by a teacher for the remainder of the lesson.

b) The device is taken away by a Head Teacher or Deputy Principal for the remainder of the school day and/or until a parent or carer picks up the device.

c) Permission for the student to bring their device to school is revoked.

d) Conventional discipline procedures, including detention or suspension where deemed appropriate, pursuant to the school’s discipline procedures.

Acceptable equipment and communication system use

Use of the device during the school day is at the discretion of teachers and staff. Students must use their device as directed by their teacher. The primary purpose of the device at school is educational. Students must bring their device to school fully charged.

While at school, all material on the device is subject to review by school staff.

Students are to connect their device to the designated wireless network only. Students are not to connect their device to other wired, wireless or cellular networks whilst at school. Students are not to create, participate in, or circulate content that attempts to undermine, hack into and/or bypass the hardware and software security mechanisms that are in place.

Upon enrolment into a New South Wales Government school, parental/carer permission was sought to allow the student to access the Internet at school based on the Department of Education and Communities’ policy Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students (PD/2002/0046/V04).

This policy covers areas such (but not limited to) access and security, privacy and confidentiality, Intellectual Property and Copyright, Misuse and Breaches of Acceptable Usage and Monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements. This policy remains in effect.


Extracts: Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students: