



**MOUNT COMPASS  
AREA SCHOOL**

# **BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY**

**(to be reviewed in 2021)**



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of South Australia**

Department for Education

***BYOD refers to technology models where students bring and use their own personal digital device to school for the purpose of learning.***

Mount Compass Area School is investing significant funds in upgrading and supplying a state of the art ICT network infrastructure that will transform connectivity and ICT use for learning from 2019 onward. We are funding and building a progressive, modern 'digital highway' to make sure your child gets access to the best learning opportunities available. Students in this modern learning environment require a device they can use at home and school. Therefore, we are seeking your assistance by asking you to provide your child with an appropriate personal ICT device so that they can connect to this new network which will enhance their engagement and learning.

To support us in delivering this initiative we have developed a BYOD Policy with standards and guideline to;

- enable and promote bringing a suitable computing device to school by all students from Years 7 -12 for use in their education
- provide a safe user environment for students
- ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility
- enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons
- provide a basis on which Mount Compass Area School teaching staff can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.

## **Students and Parents**

- From January 2019 it is essential that students embrace new learning technologies with the expectation that all Year 7 and 10 students will bring a suitable computing device to school each day.
- There are significant learning advantages in Middle and Senior School students having their own personal and compliant computing device
- Should a student acquire a personal computing device at the beginning of Middle School it is recommended that this device be upgraded at Year 10 to support the student through their final years of schooling and into work or future study
- It is strongly recommended that by Year 10 every student will have their own computing device to ensure full and uninterrupted participation in the learning opportunities
- The personal device must be available to be brought to school each and every school day and be solely for the student to use throughout the day.

## **Staff**

- Teachers will encourage and facilitate the use of students' devices in their classes where they deem appropriate. Use of students' own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher
- Staff will not allow any devices to be charged at the school.

Students and parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the **Bring You Own Device - Minimum device specifications and considerations** documentation

- **Device Specifications** - A device which does not meet the specifications will not be permitted to access the school network and services
- Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the **BYOD User Agreement** annually
- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's **ICT Cybersafety Acceptable Use Policy** and the **BYOD Policy**
- Students will follow teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class.
- Each student is absolutely and solely responsible for the care and conduct of his / her own personal device whilst at school and travelling to and from school.
- Parents and student should consider whether their device requires insurance and whether specific accidental loss and breakage insurance is appropriate for the device
- Students must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by Mount Compass Area School using their own credentials only
- Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular whilst at Mount Compass Area School
- Students must not bridge the School's designated network to any other network
- Due to DfE Work Health and Safety restrictions, **students must bring their device to school fully charged** and should not bring any power chargers and cables to school with their device
- Voice, video and image capture applications may only be used with teacher permission and relevant to the learning environment whilst being respectful of the rights of others.

**Mount Compass Area School will:**

- Promote bringing of a computing device to school by all Year 7-12 students by ensuring the device specifications are designed so that a range of devices in capability and cost are suitable
- Ensure all Year 7-12 students have access to technological resources in their required classes by maintaining a base set of laptops and computers for students who cannot access the BYOD program
- Provide a BYOD Policy to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program
- Ensure a copy of the **BYOD User Agreement** is signed by each student and their parents prior to allowing the student's device to be brought to school
- Publish a Device Specification code that describes the requirements for devices brought to school.
- Provide a wireless network with filtered internet connection to which students may connect their BYOD program device
- Provide initial support to assist students with first bringing their device to school and establishing network connectivity
- Accept no responsibility for loss or damage to or for maintenance or repair required on a student's own device. Devices are brought to school at the students' and parents' own risk
- Should a student's device fail to meet a requirement of the Device Specification, the school will not facilitate the student access to any network or school services.