



# Valentine Public School

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## BYOD FAQ SHEET

- **What type of device can I use and what are the specifications?** Our school's recommended and preferred student device is a Chromebook due to its speed of performance, user friendly orientation and online safety features.
- **How do I get my device connected to the school?** All devices will be connected to the school WIFI by the student's classroom teacher.
- **What about insurance?** Parents are advised to make their own arrangements regarding insurance and cover for accidental damage. Damages occurring to personal devices are not the responsibility of Valentine Public School or the New South Wales Department of Education.
- **How does the school support students to use their devices appropriately while at school?** As outlined in the Valentine Public School BYOD and Technology Integration Policy, students and teachers all play an active role in ensuring that devices are used appropriately while at school. Please refer to the [BYOD and Technology Integration Policy](#) for information.
- **Can I charge my device at school?** No. WHS issues will prevent students from recharging their devices. Students will need to cultivate the habit of charging their device overnight and using them for specific purposes during the day.
- **What about the physical safety of the devices at school?** The school will ensure that all classrooms containing devices are locked when the class is unattended. Students will be educated on the safe handling of devices by their classroom teacher. It is highly recommended that students use a protective carry case when their device is not in use.
- **What if my child doesn't bring their own technology for a day? Will they be disadvantaged?** When learning activities require a computer, but a device is not brought to school, the school has a limited number of laptops and Chromebooks available as a short-term loan.
- **How will screen time be managed by the school?** In accordance with our School Improvement Plan, Strategic Direction 3, screen time and its implications for wellbeing will be carefully monitored by class teachers, executive staff and the Wellbeing team. All teachers engage in the work by Pasi Sahlberg and the Gonski institute's research 'Growing up Digital Australia'.
- **What should my child do with their device as soon as they arrive at school?** Upon arrival at school, students are encouraged to take their devices directly to their classrooms for safekeeping.
- **How will students use BYOD devices in the classroom?** Devices will be used in an educational context to access platforms that include coding and computational thinking, digital publishing and creation, as well as for research. Devices will be used as one of many tools for learning in the classroom.