

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2019



The ability to use technology is becoming increasingly important in the workforce of the 21st Century. In order to support learners in developing these skills Bundaberg North State High School is now a BYOD school with an expectation that every student will have access to a device which meets the minimum specification to enhance the learning of your student.

There are options available to meet the needs of our student families and all options are subject to a network access fee of \$25 per annum.

BYOD Portals

Purchasing a suitable device can be a daunting task. With so many models and specifications on the market it can be an overwhelming decision for any parent/guardian. To assist you in purchasing a device the Bundaberg North SHS website has purchasing portals from the major computer vendors. By clicking on the links parents/guardians are presented with a range of devices which meet the schools specifications. These portals allow parents/guardians to purchase the devices at education prices & include interest free payment plans to suit any budget.

Equity Pool

The school recognises that some families may not be in a position to purchase a device and therefore has a small number of devices that can be loaned at no cost for duration of the school year. To apply for a device, please contact our school office on 4130 0222 or download the [Equity Pool Application](#) form from our website and return completed to the office.

Emergency Hire

Issues with devices occur from time to time. To support students whose device has malfunctioned, been damaged etc. the school has a small number of emergency loan devices that are available through the school library. In order to access an emergency device parents/guardians are asked to make a request via the Bundaberg North SHS Head of Department, Innovation. An application form can be found on our website www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au. Emergency hire devices are a daily loan and must be hired from the library before 8:40am and returned by 3:00pm. These devices are not for overnight hire and must not leave the school grounds.

Office 365

All students in Queensland have free access to the full suite of Microsoft Office 365 programs. Office 365 allows students and staff to create and share classwork, assessment and other curriculum documents which students can access anywhere via an internet connection 24/7.

Note: Whilst purchased devices will come with Office 365 pre-installed it will expire and ask parents to purchase the programs. See the school website for instructions on how to download and install the Office 365 package without cost.

Adobe Creative Suite

Bundaberg North SHS is committed to providing students with software that is used in many industries. The Adobe creative suite is a range of programs that can be used for a variety of functions including photo editing, website creation, app creation to name a few. This suite of programs is available to all students once again at no cost to parents or guardians. To access these products students should contact the Head of Department, Innovation.

Minimum device specifications

Bundaberg North's BYOD program operates on a minimum-specification model, which means that no single make of device is preferred over another. Provided the device meets the minimum specifications outlined below, your student's device should connect to the internet via the school's service and allow your student to access sites such as The Learning Place in every classroom. Devices which do not meet the minimum specifications, usually older devices, may experience difficulties operating within the school. When purchasing a device, please make sure you meet the minimum specifications. Mobile phones/Smart phones are not acceptable devices for classroom use. The school will take no responsibility for the repair / maintenance or safety of the student's device and parents should negotiate warranties or insurance with their choice of providers.

Laptop specifications

Feature	Minimum Specifications	Recommended Specifications	High Specifications
Please note: some subjects may require additional features: please see the BYOX handbook for more info.			
CPU	Intel Core i3 or AMD Quad Core or equivalent	Intel Core i5 or AMD Quad Core or better	Intel Core i7 or AMD FX series of equivalent
Ram	4GB minimum	8Gb minimum	8Gb Minimum, 16Gb recommended
Graphics	Integrated/On board Intel graphics or equivalent	Intel Graphics card with dedicated memory or higher	Separate Graphics card with 2Gb minimum Graphics memory (Nvidia GeForce or AMD Radeon equivalent)
Storage	320Gb SD card & multiple USB ports	500Gb or better- Optical drive (preferred) SD card & multiple USB ports	1Tb or Better Hi Performance drive (7,200RPM 3.5" disk capable of 150mbs transfer rates)
Wireless	802.11 n/ac compatible -(no wired network provided)	802.11 n/ac compatible -(No wired network provided)	802.11 n/ac
Screen	13 – 15" recommended	13-15"recommended	15inch recommended
Battery	4.5 hour minimum battery life	6 hour minimum battery life	6hrs minimum battery life
Operating System	Windows 8.1 (64 bit) / Mac OSX Mountain Lion OR BETTER	Window 8.1 (64 bit) / Mac OSX Maverick OR BETTER	Windows 8.1 / 10 Mac OS X Maverick OR BETTER (OS X El Captain)
Additional Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2013 (with Word, Excel, PowerPoint) Open Office (with word processing, spread sheeting and presentation) or equivalent Internet Explorer 10, Safari or Google Chrome Adobe Reader 	Microsoft Office 2013 (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet Explorer 11, Safari or Google Chrome Adobe Reader 	Microsoft Office 2013 (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet Explorer 11, Safari or Google Chrome Adobe Reader

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT APPLE DEVICES - At present, North Bundaberg State High School does not have a fully functioning solution for APPLE DEVICES these devices and won't have the full access to functions that a windows laptop will have. Please see Deputy Junior Schooling for further information.

With the introduction of the Bridgepoint Technology Solution in 2017 to improve school network security the following devices are not compatible with the BYOX Connect Platform.

Windows RT	Windows Surface RT
Windows Mobile 8	Linux/Unix/BSD/*nix
Windows Mobile RT	Chromebooks
Windows Surface 8	Anything not mentioned above