



**FREEMANS BAY SCHOOL**  
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## **Bring Your Own Devices (BYOLD) FAQ Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How useful and effective is it going to be in the classroom?**

Access to this form of technology is a very powerful learning tool. What these devices do do is open up a whole new way of supporting learning and in some cases provide greater and more successful access than in the past. These devices will not replace pen and paper at present but may well in the future. It is not the only tool that teachers at Freemans Bay Primary School use to deliver high quality teaching and learning. The device is used at the class teacher's discretion and with the class teacher's knowledge. Whether or not technology is used in class on any given day depends entirely upon your teacher's judgment about the best tools to use for teaching and learning.

### **Will my child be disadvantaged if I cannot afford to buy into the BYOLD scheme?**

No. The school will provide a range of devices that all students can use at various times of their learning. These will range from PCs, ipads, laptops and classroom computers.

### **Security of the devices at school, is it ok?**

Each class will determine where and how the devices will be stored and kept safe at school at breaks and lunch times. However the school will not be liable for an individual's property for loss or damage. This is the individual's own concern. During the rest of the time students will be responsible for the device.

### **I am worried about what my child might be accessing and who they are interacting with, how can you reassure me?**

Devices will only be used when students are being supervised by their teacher, no child is permitted on the internet unless a staff member is present. Teachers do check, monitor and rove. Your child will have to have agreed to operating within the school agreement. We also have a filter in place to prevent inappropriate material coming into the school.

### **What are the parental expectations for monitoring download / safe images etc?**

It will be an expectation that parents are responsible for the downloaded apps and images on individual student devices.

### **Will my child have to share their device?**

No. Devices brought to school are for the use of your child. However, the school adheres to a 'sharing screen' concept, whereby your child may share his/her screen with others. In collaborative group work there may be 2-3 children working together, however your child is in charge of his/her device. If the students need to share a device, they will use the school devices for this purpose.

### **What happens to the device before and after school?**

All students are asked to bring the device to school in the morning and to take it home in the afternoon (at the end of school). They are then expected to charge their device overnight (at home) so it is ready for the next day. The devices are NOT to stay at school overnight.

**What ensures the safety of searches?**

We have a filtering system in place which supports safe searches. This protection is still in place through the wireless network that the students will be connected to. However, while it blocks a lot of inappropriate content, occasionally content may be seen that child deems as inappropriate at which time they are required to speak to the classroom teacher.

**Who is responsible for Updating of apps, programmes?**

It will be the student / parental responsibility to ensure the device is updated and ready for use. The school will not be responsible for updating or fixing of the device.

**Which is best?**

Freemans Bay School is not recommending a specific device for students to use at our school. We are recommending that any ICT device brought to school should meet the specifications.

**Which are the best apps to support learning?**

New apps are being discovered and developed all the time and this will be the way of the future . We will provide updates about what we think may be appropriate or useful.

**Insurance who's responsible?**

It will be the parent's responsibility for insurance, the same way it is for bringing a bike / scooter etc to school. If you are not sure you will need to check with your individual insurance policy.

**How often will the device be used?**

This will vary depending on the lesson and the teacher. However we hope that your student will be using it whenever possible to support learning.

**What happens with problem solving re hardware/software issues? Will the school technician at school do this / or teachers ? Who pays?**

It will be the parent's responsibility to look after hardware problems etc. As you can appreciate as a school this would be simply too hard and too time consuming to look after all devices.

**What if I do not have a device for my child? Do I need to buy one?**

No, you do not need to buy a device. The school will provide a range of devices that all students can use at various times of their learning. These will range from PCs, iPads, laptops and classroom computers.

*If you do choose to buy a device for your child, we advise speaking to the Intermediate School that your child will be attending at the end of their primary school years and ask what they have as their recommended device. This way, the device that you are buying will be able to be used for many years.*