Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

Fremantle College encourages all students entering Year 7 to purchase a device and recommends the following **minimum** specifications:

- Dual Core (2Ghz) Processor
- 8Gb RAM
- 2 USB ports
- Windows 10
- Dual Band Wireless.
- 256Gb SSD Hard Drive

There are a large range of devices on the market that meet these minimum specifications. Brands include, but are not limited to, Hewlett Packard, LeNovo, Acer, Dell, Microsoft.

Students will also need an 8GB USB Storage device.

It is recommended that students purchase antivirus software (eg: McAfee or Norton).

The Department of Education will provide Microsoft Office 365.

All devices should be clearly labelled, or engraved with the student's name, to avoid confusion or loss/theft. A protective lightweight sleeve or carry bag is also recommended.

The college will provide access to online services provided by the Department of Education. These increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and enhance the learning opportunities available to students. Students having their own device will enable them to have access to the Department of Education's online classroom learning environment, *Connect*, as well as other learning systems.

Fremantle College will provide assistance to students to connect to the college network however cannot be responsible for repairs, virus removal, loss or theft of the device, although every precaution will be taken in our planning to minimise these risks.

Students are required to bring their device to school from the beginning of the year, unless otherwise advised. At the start of the school year, the college will organise for devices to be connected to the college network and will have the **Online Services Acceptable Use Policy** explained to them.

Please see our FAQ fact sheet for further information. If you have any other questions relating to the college's BYOD Policy, please contact Fremantle College on 9338 8900.

BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Why BYOD?

To allow students to build the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to make ICT work for them at home, at work, in their communities and in classroom learning.

How do I decide which device to buy? Should I consider buying a higher specification device?

There are several considerations when it comes to choosing a student machine including cost, weight, battery life, screen size and functionality. When considering storage remember that the following all use storage space: Windows 10, Office 365, Programs and Apps, Documents, Photos and Videos. Please also consider if and how your child may utilise their device outside of school.

When and how is Microsoft Office 365 installed?

The Department of Education will provide access to Windows 365 once your child has been issued with a valid Department of Education email address.

Do I need virus protection?

We recommend all devices have suitable antivirus software. A device should only run one virus protection at a time.

Who owns the device?

The device belongs to your child/family but they must comply with the Online Services Acceptable Use Policy.

What happens if my child's device is lost or damaged whilst at school?

Students and caregivers must accept full responsibility for the care and use of their own device. Your child is responsible for safety of their device whilst at school. Fremantle College does not accept responsibility for any damage or loss that occurs. It is important that parents explore all of their options in relation to insurance of the device.

Is it ok to use a Macbook or IPad?

Macbooks and IPads are able to be connected to the school network and they are eligible for the free version of Microsoft Office 365 however please be aware that there is limited functionality and some websites do not load properly.

Is it compulsory that my child has a device?

It is strongly encouraged however the requitement to bring a device is not compulsory. Fremantle College strongly encourages all students to bring their own device to assist in engaging with all learning opportunities.

Will my child use their device in every lesson?

No. There are some teaching areas that use the devices regularly whereas other areas may not. Teachers are developing programs that incorporate the use of the technologies available to enrich the learning experience of the students.

What will my child use the device for?

This will vary according to the subjects however some examples of use are: accessing Connect, Education Perfect, completing homework, Mathletics, researching topics on the internet, presentations.

Will Fremantle College help the students with their devices?

Students will be given instructions and guidance on various functions, for example how to download Connect, access the internet and set up Department of Education email addresses. Technical support is not provided for hardware or software problems that may occur with the device as this could void any warranty.