



South Sydney High School

Overview

South Sydney High School recognises the need to prepare our students for a rapidly-changing world, where technology plays a critical role in personal, social and professional lives. Staff at South Sydney

High School have taken great strides to integrate device use into many aspects of teaching, including

the increasing use of our **Online Learning Environment (OLE)**, Google Classroom. Our **BYOD** program is an important step in ensuring all SSHS students are working with the most current learning platforms and methodologies.



BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device and refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.

This policy will be updated periodically. Any changes will be communicated directly to teachers and students via their email.



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Agreement

Students must :

- read the policies and procedures for bringing your own device
- understand and continue to demonstrate knowledge of their responsibilities
- register the device online and not connect to the school before being approved
- ensure their devices are safe and secure at all times
- keep their devices safe using carry cases, screen guards, etc
- use devices according to school and NSW DEC policies
- provide their own earphones/headphones for use in class

The school will provide :

- access to the wireless network for registered student devices
- access for students to download and use Microsoft and Adobe Software
- access for staff to download and use Microsoft and Adobe Software
- guides to connect common devices to the wireless network
- authenticated, monitored, filtered internet access through the DEC network •
- support for teachers to use device-neutral activities to enhance learning in their areas
- access to Google Apps for collaborative learning on their portal

The school will NOT provide :

- wireless access for non-school activities
- laptop charging, insurance or secure storage for student devices
- technical and warranty support or training for student devices
- repairs, maintenance or replacement of damaged student devices
- one laptop per student as under the replaced DER program
- **earphones/headphones** for students to use

Device Specifications

We understand that students will have specific needs and preferences and this will affect the device which best suits them. Students are welcome to select their own device as long as it meets the following minimum requirements :

BYOD Minimum requirements		
Form Factor	 	Laptops eg ASUS / Dell / HP / Lenovo / Toshiba Tablets eg Dell Latitude / Lenovo Thinkpad / Microsoft Surface Pro MacBooks eg MacBook Pro / MacBook Air No Chromebooks
Size		Any size from 11 inches to 14 inches
CPU		Laptops- Intel i3 or greater Macbooks- Intel i3 or greater or Apple M1 or greater
Operating System		Windows 10  or Windows 11  macOS 11 
Ram		4Gb or greater
Wifi		Dual Band wifi (must have 5Ghz) eg 802.11 abgn / 802.11 ac
Storage		128Gb or greater
Battery		Minimum of 6 hours usage
Software		Adobe Creative Cloud - free for students via Student Portal Google Classroom - free for students via Student Portal Microsoft Office - free for students via Student Portal

In general, most current devices will allow students to engage in the learning opportunities which will be provided at South Sydney High School.

When selecting a device, consider transportation. You want a device which is large enough to use comfortably but not too heavy that it is onerous to carry around. Large screens drain batteries, but can be easier to work on - consider your choice carefully.

Code of Conduct

When students use their devices on the school grounds and access the Department of Education's internet network they are agreeing to the DOE's digital devices and online services usage policy.

You can view the full policy using the address below -

Student use of Digital Devices and Online Services -

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471>

Students found to be in breach of the department's policy will be issued consequences in line with the SSHS behaviour management systems. Major breaches will be directed to the Department of Education.

Students are expected to have their working device, charged, including headphones - with them at all times EVERY day. Failure to have the correct equipment for school will impact heavily on academic progress and would result in the issue of a Board Warning letter for not working with sustained effort and diligence.

Device use in classrooms is by agreement with the teacher. If the teacher asks a student to put their device away, or to work manually on paper in another medium, students are expected to comply with teacher instructions without question.

Students who are using their devices for tasks beyond the prescribed work, using messaging services, or other social media without explicit direction from their teacher will be found to be in breach of the mobile phone / devices policy and will be subject to the same procedures and consequences set out by the school for non-compliance with mobile devices.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if the device is broken at or lost school?

Students have responsibility for their devices and should take care to protect it. If the device is broken or lost at school then the school will take reasonable steps to identify who is at fault however you will most likely need to pay for a replacement.

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD, is a technological trend in education and in the corporate world.

BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very much personal.

BYOD acknowledges technology in education means more than meeting specific curriculum requirements.

BYOD is designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

How does it work?

Students in Year 11 and 12 at South Sydney High School are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day.

We are making **recommendations** as to the model of device you may choose to bring.

Or, if you have a strong technical background, there may be something of your own choosing that meets our **Device Specification** that you choose to bring.



There is also some software that you must have on the device.

In most cases there are free options for software.



A member of the school staff, the BYOD **Technical Support Officer**, is available to answer questions and to give assistance.

However, the school does not manage, support, own or warranty the device - it's your device.

Is BYOD designed for all students?

All senior students at South Sydney High School are expected to bring their own device and use it as part of the learning in the classroom. As we push towards a more technology supported curriculum this will ensure that students may take advantage of every opportunity to learn in a future focused environment.

What software will teachers and students be using at school for class work?

Depending on the course, a variety of software will be used in the classroom ranging from word processing and spreadsheet calculations to game development and film editing. All South Sydney High School students have access to a range of software at no cost through the DET portal.

Do I have to buy a new device each year?

No. The lifecycle of a device that is cared for should be approximately four years.

I'm concerned about the costs - What can I do?

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may last approximately four years and viewed over this time frame the expense is considerably less. South Sydney High School is taking strides to

integrate device use into many aspects of teaching and learning. Your investment allows the school to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

We are committed to our obligations as a public education institution to deliver the same learning outcomes to all our students no matter their families' financial means. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please speak with the school Principal to work out a path forward.

I'm concerned about device security - what can I do?

The school does not own the device, support the device or warranty the device. Experience from the previous Commonwealth-funded Digital Education Revolution scheme indicates that students who took good care of their device and considered themselves the device's owner rarely had device security issues.

If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, you may wish to consider specific accidental damage insurance for the device. You can specifically list the item on your home contents insurance, or you can purchase an Accidental Damage Protection plan for your device.

You may also consider using a device locator service. These services include the "Find my iPad" service built into Apple iOS devices, "Prey" for Windows or "LoJack for Laptops".

Internet access on the device will be filtered at school and students will be prohibited from connecting to other networks while at school.