

Kincumber Public School Bring Your Own Device – 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2017 Kincumber Public School introduced a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative for all Stage 3 classes. This year we will be continuing this initiative and are hopeful to move this into Stage 2 classes later in the year.

From 2018 NAPLAN will be delivered as an online test for both Years 3 and 5.

These tests will be tailored or adaptive in design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match a student's achievement level, allowing a student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments. Writing will continue to be on paper for both year at this stage.

Last year all students in NSW sat an online NAPLAN style test, which highlighted the implications for both skills and technology equipment in schools. Our evaluation of student performance demonstrated that students in Stage 3 that have been participating in the BYOD program had more developed technology skills than those students that have not participated.

As a public school, funds that can be specifically targeted towards technology are limited and we are relying more on parent and community support in this area to ensure our students are given every advantage. Currently we have one computer room that services all the students in the school, which does not allow us to meet the growing curricular demands for technology.

Our aim is to provide students with challenging, collaborative, everyday learning experiences that meet the needs of students' academically and prepare them for the mounting expectations for employment.

To assist parents/carers, we have provided a device specification and ask that all devices brought to school meet these standards.

Please read the school's BYOD policy (located on the schools website) along with the 'Student Agreement' (attached). It is a requirement for all students and parents/carers to sign the agreement and return it to the class teacher before any device is permitted in the classroom.

Kincumber Public School Technology Team

BYO Device Program 2018 Device Specifications

Students in Stage 3 can bring a laptop/notebook device for their personal use in classroom curriculum based activities. These can be either a device already owned that meets the specifications or a newly purchased device.

The following outlines the device specifications.

Physical Dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum Screen size 11.5 inch
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mac OS 10.11.2 or later • PC Windows 7 or later
Wireless Compatibility (Wi-Fi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have built in wireless capability
Education Software/Apps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Chrome (Latest Version)
Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school does not endorse any one vendor
Time frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devices can be brought to school straight away
Additional Requirements (Highly Recommended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry case to protect the device • Good Quality headphones • Wireless mouse with dongle or blue tooth • Portable Flash Drive – 4GB minimum
Hardware Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Devices must be a portable laptop – No tablets/iPads</u> • Memory: DDR3/3L SDRAM, 1600MHz, 4GB RAM Minimum • Headphone Jack • Minimum of 2 USB ports • <u>All devices MUST be capable of holding charge for the entire school day.</u>



Bring Your Own Device: Student Agreement 2018

The Kincumber Public School Bring Your Own (BYO) Device program aims to improve student learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. Kincumber Public School does so with the expectation that students will make good decisions with regard to their personal use of technology.

Students who wish to take advantage of the BYO program must read this agreement in the company of an adult unless otherwise excused by the principal. This page is to be signed and returned to the school.

By signing at the bottom of this page students agree to the following behaviours:

- I agree that my use of the Department's internet will be primarily for learning,
- I agree to only ever use my own portal/internet log-in details and never share those with others.
- I agree to not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the Department or my school.
- I agree to not use BYO to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is;
 - offensive
 - pornographic
 - threatening
 - abusive
 - defamatory
 - considered bullying behaviour
- I agree to report inappropriate behaviour and material to my teacher.
- I agree to stay safe by not giving out my personal information to strangers.
- I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to or theft of my device.
- I agree that use of my device during school activities is at the direction of the teacher.
- I have read the student responsibilities in the attached appendix and agree that I will abide by them.

Name of student: Roll class:

Signature of student: Date: / /

Name of parent/carer:

Signature of parent/carer: Date: / /