

Marist College

Bringing Your Own Device (BYOD) – Information for Parents and Students

Students are able to bring their own portable IT devices to school to use in the classroom to support their learning. This opportunity is completely voluntary and is an optional extra.

Devices and Software

Students can bring netbooks, smartphones, laptops, and tablets. Gaming consoles are not permitted. We are not recommending brands or platforms as we wish to give parents choice. Devices must have up-to-date antivirus and internet security software. It is not necessary to purchase expensive application software as free options such as open source (e.g. Open Office) or cloud based (e.g. Google Docs) applications are perfectly acceptable for classroom use.

Security

The College does not have the physical space to provide lockers for all students. Responsibility for the security of the device will rest entirely with the student. Classroom security cannot be guaranteed and in the interests of protecting staff they will not be allowed to handle or store student devices. Students will need to know where their device is at all times and never leave it unattended. A device should only be used by the owner. Devices should be clearly named. Parents should check with their insurer to see what level of protection is provided.

Student Responsibility

Students will need to look after their devices and treat them with care. They should ensure that they bring them to school fully charged. They will be expected to work in battery mode. Important work will need to be backed up either to another device (e.g. memory stick, external drive) or to the internet. If students cannot access work on their computer they will need to work in the traditional way.

Students should be familiar with and abide by all aspects of the Cybersafety Agreement which they signed as part of the enrolment process. A copy of this can be accessed from the school website.

Classroom Use

The device is to support the students learning for educational purposes. Students will not be permitted to listen to music or communicate with each other during lessons (e.g. chat, Skype, email, etc) unless directed by a teacher. Headphones must be used when watching video clips. Non-compliance and off-task behaviour will be managed in the usual way through the College's behaviour policy and processes.

The Network

All students have access a wireless connection at school which provides them with access to the Internet. We have sophisticated filtering in place to prevent access to inappropriate material but the ultimate responsibility rests with the user. All internet traffic is monitored and can be tracked to an individual.

Cyberbullying

The College has a zero tolerance of all forms of bullying. Any bullying should be reported immediately so that it can be dealt with.

The Technician

The College technician will **not** be available to support student use of own devices unless for specific applications agreed to by SMT.

Printing

The College cannot provide printing services for students from their own devices. They will need to print via a U.S.B.

Should you wish to bring your own device please complete the form below and return to the school office.

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I have read and agree with the conditions Marist College has specified for students bringing their own devices to school and agree that my daughter can bring her own device. She is competent and can use the device independently.

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____