



WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT BRING YOUR OWN LEARNING DEVICE (BYOLD)
POLICY

1. Objectives statement

1.1 The term “device” in this policy refers to any personal mobile electronic learning device whether or not it has a wired or wireless connection to the Department of Education and Communities’ network.

1.2 The School allows students to bring their own learning devices to school for the purpose of learning and will provide access to the Department’s Wi-Fi network.

1.3 Use of learning devices at school will be governed by the school’s Student Bring Your Own Learning Device (BYOLD) Guidelines.

1.4 The Department provides internet access through the wireless networks 802.11a/b/n at no cost to students enrolled in NSW government schools at all DEC sites.

1.5 Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their learning devices including data protection, anti-virus software and battery charging.

1.6 The Department will not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student’s device. Students who bring their own devices onto school sites do so at their own risk.

1.7 The School is not obliged to provide hardware or technical support for the learning device.

1.8 Students and their parents/carers must complete and return a signed ICT Agreement prior to students using their own learning device at school.

1.9 Where the Principal/School has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the ICT Agreement, the School may inspect the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary procedures will be followed.

2. Audience and applicability

2.1 This policy is relevant to staff, students, parents and carers and applies in relation to students bringing a personal learning device to school.

3. Context

3.1 The Commonwealth Government instituted its Digital Education Revolution (DER), designed to bring about a 1:1 computer to student ratio for years 9 to 12 in schools. This program ceased in 2013.

3.2 The increasing availability and affordability of personal technology has accelerated the demand for new models of learning, whereby students may be encouraged to bring their own learning device to school.

3.3 The integral nature of these learning devices to developing the students' 21st century skills along with increasing availability of internet delivery, cloud based storage and applications, has led to the development of this school policy.

3.4 Implementing BYOLD access can provide a process to allow schools and the Department to efficiently incorporate student-owned learning devices into our digital learning environments while protecting and monitoring school and DEC infrastructure and data.

3.5 This policy should be read and interpreted in conjunction with the following:

- DEC Code of Conduct Policy
- Values in NSW Public Schools Policy
- DEC Privacy Code of Practice
- DEC Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students Policy
- Smartcopying – Copyright guide for schools by the National Copyright Unit
- NSW Board of Studies All My Own Work Program

4. Responsibilities and Delegations

4.1 The Principal is responsible for the implementation of this policy and guidelines in the School and is required to ensure that this policy is followed by participating students and their parents/carers.

4.2 The Principal is responsible for dealing with any breach of the ICT Agreement.

4.3 The Department conducts surveillance and monitoring of its computer systems to ensure the ongoing confidentiality, integrity and availability of services.

4.4 The student is responsible for abiding by this policy and all other relevant school and DEC policies including the DEC Online Communication—Acceptable Usage for Students Policy.

5. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements

5.1 The Principal will supervise the implementation and oversee the evaluation of the ongoing operation of the policy.

5.2 This policy and guidelines referenced will be updated as technologies change or as required.