

For parents of students at Willoughby Girls High School

Willoughby Girls High School provides access to Information & Communications Technology (ICT) designed to support the school's education programs and to enhance student education. This includes:

- use of school-owned devices, electronic equipment and online platforms managed by the school
- access to the internet by a wired or wireless network
- access to a secure storage location on the school's network for students' digital data
- use of the student's own learning device at school consistent with the school's BYOLD Policy

With regard to the BYOLD (Bring Your Own Learning Device) program, I was reluctant to give out any examples of devices and the school does not recommend any particular device. However, as there are some specifics which parents need to know, I have a sheet which shows the specifications of devices which the DEC is currently using. These specifications are an indication only and should be taken as minimum requirements. Again, no approved devices are recommended.

This sheet is called "Laptop Specs 2014" may be downloaded from the front page of the school's moodle: <http://moodle.wghs.nsw.edu.au>

Any device will suffice, however, please ensure the device has:

- WiFi capability with 802.11 a/b/g/n at 5GHz
(Please double check as this frequency range is not common. Your home WiFi may operate at 2.4 GHz, so the device will connect at home but not at school.)
- a battery life of at least six hours
- screen size at least 11" comfortable size keyboard
- if getting a win tablet make sure the OS is 8.1Pro
- before leaving home ensure all of the software and drivers are up to date. (esp. WiFi)

as far as software is concerned see the free software from the department at:

<http://nsw-students.onthehub.com>

Further information may be obtained from: <http://byodsandpit.weebly.com>

Yours faithfully,

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