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eLEARNING – BRING YOUR OWN (BYO) Laptop Program 2019 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - 2019

Does Nambour State College have a “bring your own” laptop program for students?

YES

What year levels can be in this program?

Required for students in years 7,8,10 & 11. Optional for years 9 & 12.

What type of device can students bring?

Windows or MacBook laptop (no more than 2 years old), 11” monitor or larger, 6 hours battery, hard protective case to prevent damage.

Can students bring iPads or tablets devices?

YES – students can use an iPad or tablet as an ADDITIONAL device but a (Windows or Apple) no more than 2 years old will be best for most classes. iPad or Android devices have access to Internet only (no network or printing access).

Is it different for Junior Secondary (7-9) and Senior Secondary (10-12)?

NO – while students may have different curriculum requirements a laptop will best meet the needs of all students across years 7-12.

Is it different for a student doing a specialist subject e.g. Film TV & New Media, graphics?

YES – a high end laptop capable of handling Adobe Premiere Pro or AUTOCAD is required. High end processor, 8GB RAM and large hard drive (500GB+). Contact the school for more detail.

What software will students need to have installed on their BYO device?

- Antivirus with current definitions (student & parent / caregiver responsibility)
- Microsoft Office – Free to download for all EQ students
- Adobe Creative Cloud Master Collection – trial versions available to download from the Adobe website and serialised by staff in ICT support (included in the cost of the BYO program).

Is there a cost?

YES - \$60 ANNUAL cost for each student in the BYO program to connect to college wireless network for filtered Internet, network and printing access. Each student can register up to 3 devices i.e laptop, iPad, mobile phone.



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Who is responsible for the security integrity, insurance and maintenance of their personal laptops and their private network accounts?

Students and parents / care givers. Parents will need a protective hardcase to prevent damage. Teachers will be working with students to develop acceptable classroom usage rules for use of devices.

Will the college help students to connect to college wireless network?

YES – the college has a staff “hands off” policy with regards to student laptops. They will only assist students to connect but are not allowed to work directly on student laptops. Student laptops will need to be maintained by arrangements made by the student or parent / caregiver.

If a student BYO laptop has a hardware or software problem can it be brought to ICT support for help?

NO – student laptops will need to be maintained by arrangements made by the student or parent / caregiver. ICT support will only assist with connection to the school network.

If a student does not want to bring their own laptop can they borrow one from the college?

NO – a college Take Home program is no longer available.

If a student does not bring either a student BYO or college Take Home laptop how will they have access to computers at college?

YES – the college will continue to maintain and replace an “equity” fleet of a range of devices for classroom use.

If a student has a BYO laptop are they expected to bring it every day?

YES – All students are expected to their laptop in all of their classes. Bringing a device is important! Every subject (7-12) has an online eLearning environment where teachers share resources, assessment and interactive activities related to that subject.

When can a student use their BYO laptop?

College Student Charter states that “it is up to the classroom teacher when these devices are allowed to be used”. Non-compliance or misuse of the device may lead to further consequences in line with the college Behaviour Management policies.

Does the Education Queensland filtering apply to a BYO device?

The Education Queensland filtering ALWAYS applies when connected to the college network (including college and BYO devices). BYO laptops are not filtered at home.

