BYOD @ Lyneham High

What does it mean for you and your child next year?
BYOD is about students bringing their own ICT devices to school to use in class.
Why BYOD?

ICT is one of the biggest tools supporting learning in the 21st century.

The internet is now the greatest source of information.

This is the information age.

Let’s prepare our youth...

ACTED last year adopted a philosophy about upskilling students with the ability to:

Learn anywhere, anytime
Therefore we have rolled it out this year to current Yr 7 students and will continue with next year’s cohort in 2017.

Students in other year groups are encouraged to bring and use their own devices.

BYOD has gone well this year for year 7.

We are still learning (both staff and students)
ICT is a tool for learning

ICT will not replace teachers

Relationships are still the key to learning
What does a BYO Device look like?

**Chromebook**
- Uses a simplified OS making it cheaper but relies on internet-based apps to function.

**Notepad**
- Getting cheaper all the time and some great devices available with good specs.

**Tablet**
- Used in many schools but do have issues with input of data, creating content (keyboard/mouse) and cost to purchase.

**Smart phone**
- Widely used and available but has limited functionality due to means of data input, screen size and distractions around its main purpose.
What should we get for our child? The choice is ultimately yours as it should fit in with what your child is comfortable using. But ... please make sure the device has:

- a big enough screen
  - minimum of 10” (250mm)
  - but not too big as they get bulky and unwieldy
  - a max of say 14” (350mm)

- long battery life
  - it should last the length of the school day without requiring charging at school
  - ~ 6 - 10 hrs

- good WiFi hardware
  - n or ac grade
  - 5 GHz connects better and more reliably than 2.4GHz
  - Dual band is ideal

- reliable means of entering and working with data
  - keyboard and touchpad/mouse

[Also consult our BYO Device checklist on our web site (click on the Digital learning tab)]
The Digital Backpack - ACTED’s online learning portal

At school on network

Default home page using IE is the **Digital Backpack**
No additional login required
Access class work, submit assessment, blog with class and teacher

On own device or at home or elsewhere

- use the URL - [https://backpack.act.edu.au](https://backpack.act.edu.au)
- click the Digital Learning tab on **school website** then Digital backpack link
- access to Google classroom can go directly through Chrome but will need school email address to log in
- will need to log into backpack using school network credentials
Teachers can communicate with students using a portal like Google Classroom:

A student’s view in Classroom
Within a class on Classroom students get access to announcements, assignments and messages from the teacher and other students:
Device etiquette at school

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<th>Appropriate use of Personal Electronic Devices (P.E.D.s) at school</th>
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<td>● The use of personal electronic devices policy was launched at the beginning of 2016 after 12 months consultation with staff, parents and students. (The policy will go on to the school’s website within the next few days)</td>
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<td>● Focus is on the appropriate use of devices in the classroom and etiquette around that.</td>
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<td>● Teachers’ aim is to provide students with the skills to use P.E.D.s safely and respectfully.</td>
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<td>● using devices appropriately&lt;br&gt;● taking care of their own device and keeping it safe&lt;br&gt;● bringing the device to school fully charged</td>
<td>● monitoring the appropriate use of devices at school&lt;br&gt;● giving students guidance on safe and effective use&lt;br&gt;● providing structures for safe storage of devices when they are not in use&lt;br&gt;● providing technical support to connect students’ devices to the wireless network</td>
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<td>● Letting the school know if there are issues or concerns e.g. social, technical</td>
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<td>● Monitoring your child’s use of the device outside of school</td>
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<td>● Helping your child get organised</td>
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Thanks very much

- Questions can be directed to the school’s ICT coordinator - Simon Spinetti
- Shop carefully and wisely
- Look for more info on the school’s website in the future
- Watch out for more info in future newsletters