



## 2022 Bring Your Own Device Program – Years 5 and 6

### (Information Pack for Year 4 Families)

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program has been a successful part of preparing children for their transition in high school. As you have a child who will be in year 5 next year, we would like to provide you with as much information as you need to help prepare you and your child for BYOD.

As with any program, we are always looking for ways to improve and build on what we do to improve learning outcomes for our students. Feedback from students, parents and staff with regard to the BYOD indicates that it would be worthwhile for children to have their own headphones and mouse with their device. Information on purchasing these accessories is provided within this pack (through our purchasing portal).

**Our recommended device is a Chromebook (with a mouse and headphones).**

Other devices are also acceptable as long as they meet the following specifications:

- The device has a battery life of at least 6 hours.
- The device has a physical keyboard attached to it.
- The device does not have 3G or 4G capacity.
- iPads or tablets are contained within a case with an external keyboard.
- The device can run the Chrome Browser or specific Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets and Google Classroom Apps.

**Teachers will monitor and plan for the device to be used to ensure:**

- The length of usage during any one learning activity is appropriate.
- There is a balance between the use of devices, the use of pen and paper, and the general physical activity of students.
- Students learn and maintain appropriate posture when using the devices.

**The school will ensure that:**

- There are secure lockable facilities in each classroom for devices to be stored when not in use.
- Our relationship with the Australian Federal Police will continue as we include their Cyber Safety and safe online behaviour programs into our teaching routines.
- Arrangements can be made for families with potential financial difficulties so that they are able to participate in the program equitably.