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Milperra Public School

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MPS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Dear Primary Parents,

From the commencement of 2025, we are excited to announce Milperra Public School will be implementing a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Chromebook model across Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Our vision is to encourage creative and innovative learning opportunities for students using BYOD as a tool to facilitate learning both in and out of the classroom.

If your child is entering the school years listed above in 2025, we would encourage parents to consider BYOD if making technology purchases for children over the Christmas period. Below you will find specifications and requirements for devices suitable for our program.

At Milperra Public School, equitable learning opportunities are always our priority. To ensure equality for all students, we have a number of strategies in place if a family is unable to supply their child with a personal device. Students will have access to school Chromebooks, however, these loan devices must be kept at school. We will endeavour to ensure no child is disadvantaged in this program in 2025 and urge any concerns to be addressed to Ms Dale.

What is BYOD and why Chromebooks?

BYOD refers to the policy of permitting students to bring agreed upon electronic devices (Chromebook recommended) to school. Devices are used to access school information and appropriate applications for learning. In 2025, Milperra Public School will implement a BYOD program for Primary aged students (Years 3-6) to provide greater access to the essential skills required for future focused teaching and learning.

In 2019, Milperra Public School purchased our first bank of Chromebooks for student use and subsequently saw the educational benefit of these devices, particularly for our students in Years 3-6. Chromebooks are lightweight, durable laptops designed for the classroom. They are simple, versatile, affordable and extremely secure, making them the perfect investment for your child's education.

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Benefits of BYOD

BYOD is an exciting technological advancement in teaching and learning at Milperra Public School which promotes positive digital citizenship for all students. Students in Years 3-6 will use their personal device in their daily learning for tasks involving research, creativity, word processing, comprehension, coding and more. They will also learn essential skills around cyber security and safety, another important skill in becoming a responsible 21st Century citizen.

BYOD will also prepare your child for the demands of online assessments when entering the primary years of schooling. Assessments such as the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) have been converted to online platforms and it is essential that we provide our students with the necessary skills and equipment to feel confident in accessing these assessments.

Devices will function on the school's secure wireless network allowing students to continue to enrich their learning experience with relevant technologies. Students will also be able to share their learning when bringing their devices home, allowing greater partnerships between teachers, students and parents as well as creating opportunities for continuity of learning.

When thinking ahead for your child's future schooling, this movement will also assist students with their transition to High School. Many schools such as Picnic Point High School, Moorebank High School and Condell Park High School have implemented 'Bring Your Own Device' programs for Years 7 and beyond. In these High School settings, Chromebooks and laptops have been the preferred choice of technological device for students.




Specifications and Requirements for BYOD

Chromebooks are manufactured by a number of companies, and any Chromebook device is suitable for the BYOD program at Milperra Public School. Suggested technical specifications are as follows:

- 4GB RAM
- 32GB eMMC
- Chrome OS
- Wi-Fi 5 or Wi-Fi 6
- Bluetooth
- 3.5mm Audio jack

Do not purchase any laptop or tablet devices which do not operate ChromeOS (e.g. MacBook / iPad) as these will not be compatible with Google Applications for Education.

Below are a few examples of Chromebook devices that meet these requirements.

Device	Description	Price
	<p>Lenovo IdeaPad Slim 3 14" 4/128GB MediaTek Chromebook</p> <p>14" Display 4GB RAM 128GB eMMC storage capacity ChromeOS Wifi 6 and Bluetooth</p>	<p>Currently on sale for \$247</p>
	<p>HP 14" Chromebook N100 4/64GB</p> <p>14" Display 4GB RAM 64GB storage capacity ChromeOS Wifi 6 Bluetooth</p>	<p>Currently on sale for \$229</p>
	<p>ASUS 15.6" CX1 Celeron 8/64GB Chromebook</p> <p>15.6" Display 8GB RAM 64 GB storage capacity ChromeOS Wifi Bluetooth</p>	<p>Currently on sale for \$347</p>

Further Information on BYOD

An online recording will be released to the parent community next Wednesday, 4th of December, via SchoolBytes. The recording will be hosted by Ms Dale and will go through the BYOD Policy in greater detail and will address some frequently asked questions about the program.

If you have any questions about the BYOD program, please contact Ms Dale via the school email address milperra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

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