Aim High

MPS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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.

Why do some schools require BYOD?

While not all schools have adopted BYOD programs, they're becoming increasingly popular across Australia with a 2022 report showing 70 per cent of high schools and 32 per cent of primary schools have a BYOD scheme in place.

Setting this device requirement makes sense for many reasons, says Emma Ou, Regional Head of ASUS ANZ System Business Group. "Some schools implement BYOD to encourage personalised learning, ensure students have access to up-to-date technology and reduce the burden on school budgets," she says.

Hassan Baickdeli, Head of Emerging Technology & Solutions at Lenovo ANZ, says BYOD can also help students develop the technology skills they'll need for the future, whether they continue their studies or go into the workforce.

What are the advantages of BYOD?

BYOD programs offer several advantages, including fostering digital literacy and helping students develop important tech skills they'll need in the future. Teachers may also use devices for real-time assessments, quizzes and feedback, making the learning process more dynamic and engaging.

There is no avoiding computers in education and schools. They are here to stay. The advantage to a BYOD program is that you can control your budget, and you can decide if you want something more powerful or more affordable.

How are BYOD devices used in classrooms?

In primary school, devices are used as learning tools alongside traditional teaching methods. Writing by hand is a priority, especially in the early years, and students will also engage with hands-on resources like mini whiteboards, flashcards and counters. Tech devices are often used for game-based learning to reinforce key skills or for conducting online research. Many students will hand-write drafts before publishing their writing on a computer or device.

It's important to remember that while technology can be a valuable tool for learning, it should not replace human interaction and other essential educational experiences. Schools can ensure that BYOD is integrated into the curriculum in a balanced way, and teachers play a crucial role in guiding students' use of technology.

Devices can also be used as a way for teachers to quickly collect data and assess student learning. It is imperative that students have the skills to complete assessments online, as many forums such as the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and Tell Them From Me Surveys have been converted to online platforms.

What will be provided by the school?

Internet access on the device will be filtered at school through the Department's Wifi services and students will be prohibited from connecting to other networks while at school.

Milperra Public School does not manage, support, own or warranty the device - it's your device. Similarly, we will not be able to provide charging services at school and kindly ask that devices are charged the night prior to ensure it is ready for the new school day.

We will endeavour to make sure no child is left behind, and the school does have a bank of Chromebook devices that students can access if they are not participating in the program.