



# Mullauna Bring Your Own Device Program

(BYOD)

**Dear parent / carer**

At Mullauna College we believe we need to prepare our students for their future, rather than our past, by facilitating their discovery through critical thinking, higher order thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication through a rich blend of traditional and digital learning environments.

Our '*anywhere, anytime, any platform*' philosophy is outlined in the following BYOD programs and is supported by excellent IT facilities including the availability of computer trollies for student use in the classroom, iPods, digital cameras and the latest software to ensure that students are able to confidently navigate our digital world.

## **Mullauna BYOD program.**

Students may bring **ONE** device for use in their classes. Students can choose to bring a device with the following specifications:

- Laptop (must run Windows 8 or later)
- Mac book (must run Mac OSX 10.7 or later)
- Tablet (must run Microsoft Windows 8 or later)

***Please note Android devices, Chrome books and iPADS will not be supported.***

If the device chosen does not currently have the Microsoft Office suite installed, our technician can install this for free.

Students will be able to access the internet and print using their device. Students will also be given an email address that will give them access to the Microsoft Office 365 environment. Microsoft Office 365, a cloud based system, offers:

- email (Outlook online)
- Instant messaging and virtual conferencing
- Intranet (Sharepoint online)
- Online storage (1Tb)

Office 365 is not for student records. No student address information, health, medical, behavioural or welfare information will be stored in Office 365.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

It is important to point out that students in years 8 and 9 who currently have iPADS may continue to use them, however, will be asked to replace these with a device from the list as they enter the senior school. All new incoming students from this point on will be advised NOT to purchase an iPad as it is not on the supported list.

### **Why isn't the school telling me exactly what to buy?**

We are mindful that 'living' is expensive and we don't want to force an unnecessary expense on families that already have a perfectly adequate device for school work.

### **How do I decide if my current device is 'adequate'?**

You need to consider issues such as:

- Weight
- Battery Life (it needs to last the school day)
- Insurance
- Software (must be able to run Microsoft Office)
- Warranty

### **I want to buy something what do you suggest?**

As you are aware the world of technology changes rapidly and new products are regularly being added to the market making the provision of an up to date list difficult.

In general, a laptop / macbook or windows based tablet with a keyboard is most likely to be able to cover all your needs.

Before deciding upon a device, carefully consider the subjects your child has selected.

### **BYOD Program: Responsible Use of Devices**

All students are required to agree to and follow the behaviours outlined in the college Code of Ethics and Responsible Users Agreement. Acceptance of this agreement is achieved by visiting Course Confirmation on Compass and accepting the terms outlined.

Every device must have current antivirus software before it will be connected to the Mullauna network. Our technician will check each device for viruses before connection to the network and will inform students if antivirus software needs to be installed.

It is the responsibility of students to make sure their device comes to school fully charged each day.

Every device will be entered into a database and be logged by the school so that we have a record of what sites are being accessed.