PRINCES HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL PROVISION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES Policy

PURPOSE

Digital technologies are dramatically changing how students learn. Digital devices enable students to interact with and create high quality content, resources and tools. They enable students to leverage learning that is interactive, differentiated, collaborative and authentic. At Princes Hill Primary School (PHPS) preparing students for life and work means ensuring they can access authentic and rich learning experiences through appropriate use of technology.

SCOPE

This policy applies to individual student devices.

AIMS

To meet the needs of our learning community by implementing a 1:1/BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) learning model. This includes facilitating:

- access to online resources, experts and learning communities
- access to authentic learning experiences beyond the school
- access to real life tools
- connection with and the application and presentation of new knowledge
- IT literacy and skills development
- improved assessment, reporting and feedback mechanisms
- an improved learning partnership between students and their families
- digital portfolios

POLICY

Recommended devices

- Students in Years 3 - 6 are asked to bring a fully charged Apple laptop (currently Macbook Air or Macbook Pro).
- Students in prep to year two can optionally bring an Apple laptop or Apple tablet.
- Though it is not preferred, any student can bring an alternate laptop or device of their family's choice for which the school can only provide limited support.

Technical and other support

Funding from the yearly Parent Payment Contributions will be sought to provide additional technical support, software licences, and online subscriptions.

- Apple products which are supported by Apple, currently up to five years old

- fully supported by school technicians in setting up the EduStar WiFi, installing required software and joining to our JAMF management system.

• Obsolete Apple laptops and other laptops and tablets with latest Mac, Microsoft and Android operating systems
    - limited support - the devices will be connected to the EduStar WiFi, however families will be required to install any required software and provide technical support. These devices are not able to be connected to school management and monitoring systems.

• Laptops and tablets which have older operating systems
    - the school will attempt to connect these devices to the EduStar WiFi but cannot guarantee that this will be technically possible.

School based digital technologies

• Princes Hill Primary School will provide laptops, as needed, to students who do not have their own laptops or whose current laptop requires repair.
• Additional technologies such as projectors, cameras, tablets, robotics, and 3D printers will also be provided by the school for student use at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

• Year 3 - 6 students are required to bring their own personal laptop, fully charged, to school on a daily basis.
• Prep - year 2 students are not required to, but may bring their own laptop or tablet to school.
• There are a number of leasing options available to support families with financial difficulties. Families are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss these.
• The school technicians will:
    - join BYOD laptops which meet the minimum specifications to the management system which connects the WiFi, installs educational software and services accounts.
    - troubleshoot technical problems with BYOD laptops
• The school will not be responsible for backing up laptops
• Families are able to provide other devices outside of the specified BYOD minimum requirements, however the school is unable unable to manage the device beyond connecting it to the WiFi. Families will be responsible for installing any software (links to DET's free education software will be provided to families) and troubleshooting any technical issues.

MINIMUM TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MAC BYOD Specifications Operating systems – minimum specifications junior and senior school:
- MacOS or IOS (Current version)
minimum requirements:
• Hardware listed on Apple's current supported devices list, up to five years old. Refer to
  https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201624
• Minimum 4 hour battery life
• Minimum of 10GB storage
• Hard case for transporting to and from school

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

This policy was last updated in 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2023.