‘Bring Your Own Device’ Equity Guidelines

Rationale

Redcliffe State High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOd) program imposes a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes. Redcliffe State High School takes seriously the role of public education in ensuring all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOd Equity Guidelines is to establish the framework for the BYOd Program to provide this for all students, irrespective of their family’s financial means.

Actions

Redcliffe State High School will:

1. Ensure the BYOd Program’s Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in varying capability and cost are offered and meet the minimum specifications.
2. Assess applications for assistance in meeting the requirements of the BYOd program on a case-by-case basis. Due consideration will be given to all the facts of the matter, including:
   - The level of assistance requested.
   - Existing disbursements from the Student Resource Scheme.
   - The Year of the student.
   - The subjects the student undertakes.
   - The technology already available to the student at school and at home.
   - Outstanding payments to the school.
   - Communication with an outside source such as The School Locker regarding minimum payments.
3. Consult with the parent/guardian to determine what form any assistance will take.
4. Consider a range of alternatives for providing device access for students, including:
   - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
   - Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
   - Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.
5. Make a written agreement between the school, student and parent/guardian that specifies the arrangements for facilitating access to technological resources.

Students and Parents/Guardians will:

1. Consider options for the purchase of equipment that meets the Device Specifications. The school will endeavour to offer a broad selection of devices which meet the specifications.
2 If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the specification:
   • The school will liaise with you, your child and teachers to identify the most appropriate
     way to address the issue.
   • You will be asked to make an agreement with the school that confirms the alternative
     arrangements made for your child’s access to technological resources.

3 The school will not purchase a device to assign to your student nor will the school make a device
   available for permanent or semi-permanent loan. In substitution of a personal device, the school
   will consider options including:
   • Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular period or class.
   • Loan of a laptop or other device for a particular day.
   • Recurrent daily loan of a laptop or other device.