

Unless otherwise indicated, year levels referred to below represent the year level students will be in for 2018.

What is the purpose of students having access to 1:1 learning device program at Southport SHS?

Portable learning devices such as iPads and laptops offer students the flexibility to learn at their own pace and to continue learning outside the classroom. These devices put a world of knowledge, and access to a wide range of productivity tools, into the hands of students. It is the intention of the 1:1 program to encourage students to make effective use of this wide range of resources throughout their learning journey.

What device is used in which year level?

- Year 7-9:** Students new to the school in 2018 are required to bring their own iPad. Year 8 and 9 students can continue to use the iPad they have from 2017.
- Year 10:** Every student will be required to provide their own laptop.
- Year 11:** Students can continue to use the laptop they have from 2017. Students new to the school in 2018 are required to bring their own laptop.
- Year 12:** Students have the option of continuing to use a school-issued laptop or Surface RT. They may also opt to bring their own laptop.

Which devices are suitable for use at school, that is, what are the minimum specifications?

Year 7-9: iPad 5, 32Gb memory.

Year 10-12: any laptop running Windows 10 or MacOS 10.12, at least 8Mb RAM, plus wireless '802.11ac' WiFi. All students are strongly encouraged to have a good quality case/cover and use it at all times to protect their device from damage. See the website for more details.

<https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Laptops/Technology%20specifications.pdf>

Should students be bringing their device to school every day?

Every student is expected to bring their device to school every day, fully charged and in good working order.

1:1 learning devices for students



iPad 5



Microsoft Surface



Windows 10 laptop



Windows 10 Tablet

What is the Technology Agreement?

It is an agreement between the student/parent and Southport SHS detailing the expectations around using technology. It is compulsory for students/parents to sign the agreement prior to students accessing the school network and other technology resources. If a student/parent refuses to sign and return the Technology Agreement, the student's access to technology may be limited or restricted to any extent as determined by the principal. The current version of this agreement is published on the school website:

<https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/Computersandtechnology.aspx>

What options are there for students/families to procure devices?

The school no longer offers any bulk purchase arrangements. If families have an iPad or laptop at home that is suitable for use at school, students can bring this device. Otherwise they will have to purchase a suitable device.

What is this BYOD thing?

It stands for *Bring Your Own Device*. BYOD applies to students in years 7 to 11 and is optional for year 12 students.

How do student devices access the school network?

Each device will need to be set up on the school network and this is usually done at the beginning of term 1, or as soon as possible after enrolment for students coming to the school later in the year. Students who have difficulty connecting to the school network are required to take their device to the IT Service Centre in R Block to have the network connection restored.

What happens when a student device is damaged or lost?

Individual students and their families assume full responsibility for the safety of personal devices whether the device is a mobile phone, iPad, laptop or other item of personal property. In the case of loss or damage to a 1:1 learning device, the student's family is expected to pay for and arrange repair or replacement as soon as is practically possible to avoid disadvantaging their student.

If I bring my own iPad or laptop can I purchase insurance from the school?

The school does not offer any form of insurance or repair facilities for privately owned (BYO) devices.

If I have a broken screen on my BYO iPad/laptop will the school repair it?

No, the school cannot perform repairs on BYO devices. Check the iPad page on our website for a list of local [Apple service agents](#). For BYO laptops check with the place of purchase for costs and arrangement required for maintenance and repairs.

What happens if a student damages or loses a school-issued device?

For students with a school-issued device, damage is assessed and repairs charged to the family as per the [Technology repair cost schedule](#).

Textbooks on iPads

Students use *iTunes U* courses in the Junior Secondary School. Depending on the subject, students in the junior school will have access to class textbooks as well as an online version of some book. The class teacher will provide an access code.

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