



McAuley Catholic College

Bring Your Own Device Policy and User Agreement

Rationale

At McAuley Catholic College we want our students to be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners and technology is a critical component in the contemporary learning environment. The promotion of 21st century skills and the advancement of 21st Century Learning is core to the College's educational values.

By facilitating Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), McAuley Catholic College empowers its students and enables teachers to ensure the development of student's general capabilities as outlined in the Australian Curriculum.

The Catholic Schools Office sees the effective and sustainable implementation of learning technologies in schools as a priority in our technology-rich learning environments.

References

- i. Pastoral Care Policy
- ii. Stage Assessment Policy
- iii. Network Agreement Policy

Scope

1. To promote and facilitate the inclusion of computing devices at McAuley Catholic College for all students in Years 7 - 12 for use in their education.
2. To provide a safe environment in which students can achieve these goals in education.
3. To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility.
4. To empower students to incorporate technology to further their learning, independently and collaboratively within structured lessons.
5. To provide a basis on which McAuley Catholic College teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices anywhere and anytime toward specific learning outcomes.

Responsibilities

(A) Students and Parents/Carers

- All students in Years 7 - 12 are required to bring a device to school each day for learning.
- This device must be:
 - An assigned device, as previously supplied in accordance with the Digital Education Revolution program, or
 - A personally owned College specified device, or
 - A personal device of student's own choosing and ownership which meets the device specification (see BYOD device specification document)
- This device must be available for students to use each day at school and be for the sole use of that student throughout the school day.
- Students and parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the Device Specification. A device which does not meet the Specification will not be permitted access to school networks and services.
- If a parent believes that a device is unable to be provided that meets the specification:
 - A. An application should be made in writing to the Principal, or an appointment made to speak with the Principal to indicate that assistance is required in addressing the school's Bring Your Own Device program.
 - B. Every application will be considered on a case by case basis
- Before bringing a device to McAuley Catholic College, students and their parents must read this BYOD User Agreement which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the device at McAuley Catholic College.
- Students must use their device in accordance with the school's Network Agreement Policy and the BYOD User Agreement.
- Students must follow teachers' directions as to appropriate use of their devices in class.
- Each student is absolutely and personally responsible for the care and conduct of their own device whilst:
 - at school or at other school activities
 - travelling to and from school or to and from school activities
- Students must connect their device to the designated wireless data network supplied by McAuley Catholic College using their own, individual user account credentials only.

Students must not connect to any other network, wired, wireless or cellular. Students must not bridge the McAuley Catholic College designated network to any other network.

(B) Teachers

- Teachers will encourage and promote the use of students' devices in their classes as they deem appropriate. Use of students' own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.
- In case a student fails to bring in their device, teachers will follow standard discipline procedures as outlined in the Pastoral Care Policy and the College assessment policies, in the same manner as if a student fails to bring any other required material to class.
- The classroom teacher must not undertake the provision of technical support. Any issues must be forwarded to the College helpdesk.

(C) McAuley Catholic College

For College Supported student owned laptops McAuley Catholic College will:

- Provide a BYOD User Agreement to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program.
- Ensure a copy of the BYOD User Agreement is received by each student and their parents prior to allowing the student's device to be brought to school.
- Ensure that a suitable device which meets the educational requirements of students is available for purchase through the Catholic Schools Office recommended computer supplier.
- Provide a wireless network with filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their device.
- Provide support via the McAuley Catholic College Helpdesk to assist students with establishing network connection, College owned software, warranty support and Accidental Damage support.
- Accept no responsibility for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair required on a student's own device through any act or omission resulting from the negligence or otherwise of the school, a member of the school staff or of another student.

- 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.
 - Number of siblings.
 - Financial hardship
 - The Year of the student.
 - The subjects the student undertakes.
 - The technology already available to the student at school and at home.

For Non Supported student owned laptops McAuley Catholic College will:

- Provide a BYOD User Agreement to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program.
- Ensure a copy of the BYOD User Agreement is received by each student and their parents prior to allowing the student's device to be brought to school.
- Publish a Device Specification that outlines the requirements for BYOD program devices, including but not limited to:
 - Size and device type
 - Network capabilities
 - Operating system
 - Required software
 - Security features
 - Battery life
- Provide a wireless network with filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their device.
- Provide support via the McAuley Catholic College Helpdesk to assist students with establishing network connection with the BYOD device.

- Accept no responsibility for loss or damage to or for maintenance or repair required on a student's own device through any act or omission resulting from the negligence or otherwise of the school, a member of the school staff or of another student.
- Should a student's device fail to meet a requirement of the Device Specification, the school will not facilitate the student's access to any network or school services. The school may direct a student to cease bringing a device to school which does not meet all the requirements of the Device Specification.