

BYOD – Bring Your Own Devices Policy – West Wyalong High School

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students.
 - Code of Conduct Policy
 - Values in NSW Public Schools
 - DEC Privacy Code of Practice
 - Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for school students
 - Legal Issues Bulletin No. 35 November 2012 – Use of mobile phones, portable computer games, recording devices and cameras in schools
 - Legal Issues Bulletin No. 8 September 2012 – Claims for loss of or damage to personal property
 - Smartcopying – Copyright guide for schools.
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- The term “device” in this policy refers to any personal mobile electronic device with the capability to connect to NSWDEC’s Wi-Fi network.
 - West Wyalong High School allows students and staff (including pre-service teachers) to bring their own devices to the school and can provide access to NSWDEC’s Wi-Fi network.
 - West Wyalong High School will provide internet access through NSWDEC’s wireless network at no cost to students enrolled at West Wyalong High School and to staff at West Wyalong High School.
 - Student devices need to comply with the device guidelines set out by West Wyalong High School.
 - Students and staff are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices including data protection and battery charging.
 - Students and staff must have a supported operating system and current antivirus software installed on their device and must continue to maintain the latest service packs, updates and antivirus definitions.
 - Students and staff are responsible for ensuring the devices’ operating system and all software on their devices are legally and appropriately purchased or licensed.
 - Students and staff who bring their own devices to West Wyalong High School are responsible for the safety and security of their devices. This includes protective/carry cases and exercising common sense when storing devices. West Wyalong High School will not be providing designated or secure storage locations. West Wyalong High School and NSWDEC will not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any device brought to school by students or staff.
 - Students must clearly label their devices for identification purposes. Labels should not be easily removable.
 - West Wyalong High School is not obliged to provide hardware or technical support for devices.
 - Students and their parents/carers must complete and return a signed BYOD Agreement prior to connecting to NSWDEC’s Wi-Fi network. This agreement must be signed by the student and by a parent/carer. If a student is living independently of their parents or is 18 years of age or more, there is no requirement to obtain the signature of a parent.
 - Where West Wyalong High School has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contained data which breaches the BYOD Agreement, they may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken including referral to the police. School disciplinary action may also occur.
 - Teachers can make requests for students to download particular apps onto their devices. These app purchases are to be communicated to students at least one day before the apps are needed in class. Students are to download these apps at home.