'Bring Your Own Device' Policy

Rationale

"Bring your own device" (BYOD) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for learning.

Lambton High School students will have the opportunity to bring their laptop to school and connect to the DEC wireless network to enhance their learning.

By implementing Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), Lambton High School will assist students in developing digital literacy, fluency and citizenship while preparing them for the high-tech world in which they will live, learn and work. It will empower students and give them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning.

It will also allow teachers to continue to employ technology in the classroom while building on the experiences gained in the previously supported model.

Objectives

1. To encourage the bringing of a computing device to school by all students in Years 7 to 12.
2. To provide a safe environment in which students can achieve Objective 1.
3. To ensure a minimum standard of device compatibility.
4. To enable students to use technology to enhance their learning.
5. To provide the opportunity for teachers to continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class.

Actions

(1) Students and Parents/Carers

● Students may bring their own devices to school and may access the department's Wi-Fi network.
● The device must meet the device specifications as outlined by the school. (See below)
● A device which does not meet the device specifications will not be permitted to access school networks and services.
● The department will provide internet access at no cost to students enrolled in the school.
● Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices, including data protection and battery charging.
● Prior to bringing their device for the first time, students and their parent/caregiver must read and be aware of the BYOD student agreement which outlines the responsibilities and expectations relating to the use of personal devices.
● Students must follow teachers' directions as to the appropriate use of their devices in class.

(2) Teachers

● Teachers should encourage and facilitate the use of students' devices in their classrooms where they deem appropriate. Use of students' own devices in class is, however, at the sole discretion of the teacher.

(3) Lambton High School

Lambton High School will:

● Not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student's device. Students who bring their own devices onto school sites, do so at their own risk.
● Not provide hardware or technical support for devices.
● Maintain equity to ensure all students have access to computing through LHS onsite resources.
● Provide a BYOD student agreement to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families.
● Publish a device specification that outlines the requirements of the BYOD Program devices, including but not limited to:

-Form factor
-Physical dimensions
-Network connectivity
-Operating system
-Processor
-Battery life

● Provide a wireless network with filtered internet connection to which students may connect their personal device.

Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains 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 be appropriate.

The Department of Education, Digital Citizenship website contains further information to support security and device management https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Device Specifications

Please note that these are *minimum* specifications.
For Senior students who are wanting to pursue academic pathways such as Graphics, Media, Visual Communications, Information Technology, a Windows/Mac device with a higher performing CPU, GPU, RAM and storage is highly recommended.

Device Type	Windows Laptop	Mac Laptop	Windows Tablet	iPad Tablet	Android Device
Operating System	Windows 10/11	OS X 10.12 or higher	Windows 10/11	iOS 14 or higher	Chrome OS or Android
Min. Screen Size			24 cm (9.7 inch)		
Storage Capacity		128 GB hard drive		16 GB hard drive	
RAM		4 GB		2 GB	
Minimum Battery Life			6 hours		
Required Accessories			Protective case/cover and headphones		
Other Requirements		5GHz/802.11AC wireless Up-to-date Antivirus (available free, e.g. Microsoft Security Essentials)		5GHz/802.11AC wireless	
Example of minimum device requirement	HP_X360 Lenovo Ideapad	11" MacBook Air	Microsoft Surface RT (keyboard highly recommended)	iPad Wi Fi 32GB (keyboard highly recommended)	Google Chromebook Samsung Galaxy Tab

Additional Recommendations
  Maximum weight: 2kg
- Maximum Screen Size 14 Inch.
- Accidental loss and breakage insurance
- Protective casing (scratch/impact/liquid-splash resistant)
- **Devices not permitted as part of the BYOD program:**
  - iPhones, smartphones, tablets or anything with a screen smaller than 11 inches and without a physical keyboard.

Free Software for BYOD
- Microsoft Office does not need to be purchased in addition to the device - the student's email account gives them an Office365 licence so they can Install Office365 for Free.