



West Eyreton School BYOD Trial

During term 1, 2016 West Eyreton School will be trialling an optional *bring your own device* (BYOD) programme. Parents with students in the trial classes will be *invited* to participate. The trial classes are: Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8

Involvement in this programme is completely optional. No student will be disadvantaged by not bringing a digital device. West Eyreton School provides modern digital devices to which all students have shared access. The BYOD programme is not requiring families to buy devices. However, for parents with year 8 students who are contemplating a purchase we suggest you investigate the devices recommended by the high school your child will be attending.

Why trial BYOD?

Experience from schools around the world strongly suggest that a BYOD programme can *enhance* students':

- participation in learning and working together (connectedness);
- driving their own learning (agency);
- moving learning beyond the classroom (ubiquity);
- adapting to new ways of learning (agency).

Device Requirements

Initially the trial will focus on having just *web browser* capable devices. If the device can adequately use the school wifi and the Google web tools it will be suitable. This is also referred to as *bring your own browser* (BYOB).

Model Type	Tablet or laptop
Screen Size (measured diagonally in inches)	7 inch (min), 13 inch (max)
Connection to Network	Wireless
Cellular (3G/4G)	Incapable or disabled
Battery Life	3 hours constant use (no charging facilities provided)
Required Apps	Modern web browser (tablet, laptop)
Recommended Apps	Free - Google: Chrome, Docs, Slides, Sheets & Drawings Chargeable - Explain Everything

Is there a recommended device?

No. As long as the device can adequately use the browser based tools and meets the requirements outlined above it is suitable.

What devices do WES use?

WES uses both tablet and ultrabook (laptop) devices.

Tablet	Apple iPad mini 2
Ultrabook	Apple MacBook Air 11"

Where are the devices kept at break times?

The senior block will have a lockable cupboard where the devices will be stored. All devices go home at the end of the day.

How will the trial work?

The trial will be run for the children in the classes above. This will be extended if the trial is successful. **Please see the attached BYOD Policy and Agreement and return the signed agreement back to your child's teacher if you would like to participate in BYOD from week 5, 2016.**

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