



Rationale

Brighton Secondary School is committed to delivering high-quality learning experiences that equip students with the skills they need to thrive in a digital world. In alignment with the Department for Education's [Secondary Student Digital Device Policy](#), we operate a 1:1 school-endorsed device program.

To ensure every student has a consistent, equitable, and reliable digital learning experience, Brighton Secondary School requires all students to use a **school-endorsed device** and does **not** support bring your own device (BYOD). This approach provides the following key benefits:

1. Consistency and Compatibility

All students use devices that meet required specifications and run the latest Windows software. This ensures seamless access to school systems, apps, and online learning platforms across all year levels.

2. Equity for All Students

Providing the same device to every student removes variation in device quality and performance, supporting a level playing field and reducing social pressures related to personal technology.

3. Reliable Support and Security

School-managed devices are fully supported by our IT Services team. We can quickly address technical issues, apply security updates, and help students stay safe and focused online (while on school Wi-Fi).

4. Ready for Learning from Day One

Devices come pre-configured with access to the school network, internet, Microsoft 365, printers, and security settings. Students can start learning immediately—without setup delays at home or school.

5. Cost-Effective for Families

Through bulk purchasing, the school secures education pricing on high-quality devices, extended warranties, and accidental damage protection—benefits not typically available with personal purchases.

6. Prepared for Online Assessments

Devices are maintained and updated regularly to perform reliably in assessments like NAPLAN and SACE exams. This reduces the risk of technical issues caused by outdated or incompatible hardware.

7. Loan Device Availability

If a student's device needs repair, we can issue a pre-configured loan device immediately. This is much harder to manage with a mix of personal device types and operating systems.

8. Simplified School IT Infrastructure

Using a standard device model reduces backend complexity and infrastructure costs. It also allows for more efficient device management, support, and updates across the school.



Parent and Caregiver Responsibility

Families are responsible for the cost of the student device, with support options available if required.

Payment Process

- **Year 7 students:** The school purchases devices in bulk for all incoming Year 7 students. The full cost will be invoiced to families along with the Materials and Services fees.
- **Students entering BSS at other year levels:** A device must be purchased through the school on enrolment.
- **At renewal time** (see below): families will be provided with purchasing information via the school's approved supplier portal.

Note: A **Commitment to Pay (CTP)** must be signed or full payment made for the device directly purchased from school before a device is issued.

Families facing financial difficulty can contact the school to discuss **payment plans**.

Students with an **approved School Card** will be provided with a device free of charge. These remain the property of the school and must be returned:

- At the end of each school year, and/or
- When the student leaves Brighton Secondary School.

Device Renewal

Students at **all year levels** are required to use a **school-endorsed device**. To maintain optimal performance, software compatibility, and battery life, we recommend families **replace devices every four years**, or once the **accidental damage protection period ends**.

Families will be notified by the school when their child's device is approaching renewal and provided with purchasing information via the supplier's portal. Families are responsible for full payment to the supplier and will receive the new device directly, pre-imaged to the school's requirements.

Note: If a student's current device is still in good working order, families **may choose to delay renewal** until the device is no longer suitable for learning. After the accidental damage cover expires, we recommend families **arrange their own insurance** to protect against damage or loss. Families **cannot** choose to provide an alternative device.

Digital Device Policy (1:1 Program)

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Expectations for Students and Families

Students must:

- Bring their device fully charged to school each day.
- Always use the device responsibly, and for educational purposes only during school hours, following the school's **ICT Acceptable Use Policy**.
- Care for the device and report damage or issues to the school's IT Services team.

Families must:

- Ensure students have access to the school-approved device in good working order and arrange a replacement device when required.
- Ensure the device is insured, either through the provided accidental damage coverage or home and contents insurance after expiration of this policy.
- Monitor how the device is used at home and talk with your child about online safety and responsible use.

Support and Maintenance

For devices purchased through the school program, Brighton Secondary School provides:

- Access to technical support and software through the school's IT Services team.
- Secure wireless access on campus.
- Monitoring and filtered internet to promote safe and focused learning while at school.
- Access to a loan device during periods of repair to the student-owned device.

Review and Contact

This policy will be reviewed annually in consultation with the school community and Governing Council to ensure it meets the needs of students, staff, and families.

For questions or support regarding the 1:1 Digital Device Program, please contact:

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