



Moss Vale High School

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Moss Vale High School BYOD Specifications

What is BYOD?

"Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student's family), staff or guests" (Alberta Education, 2012).

Put simply, BYOD is a solution where students quite literally bring their own device to school in order to access the internet by the DoE Wi-Fi. **Mobile phones are not considered an acceptable device.**

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In 2021, and beyond, all students in Years 7 to 12 are asked to bring their own digital learning device (laptop or a 2 in 1 device) to school every day. Students are free to bring any device that meets our Device Specifications.

A BYOD contact will be available to answer questions and to give assistance, but the school does not manage, support, own or warrant the device - it's your choice and your device. Our Technical Support Officer will be able to assist with questions about device specifications to ensure it can be connected to the DoE Wi-Fi network.

What type of device can we bring?

Various devices in price categories will meet the Device Specification. It can be a laptop or a 2 in 1 device. You should carefully consider all your options for purchase or lease/rent-to-buy.

What things should you look for in a device for learning?

Our minimum recommended specifications are as follows.

The device should be:

- Laptop or a 2-in-1 device.
- (For Windows Devices - minimums) Windows, 8GB RAM, 2Ghz processor, 256GB of free hard drive space.
- (For Mac Devices - minimums) OS X 10.9* 8GB RAM, 2Ghz processor, 256GB of free hard drive space.
- iPad or Android Tablets with external keyboard, or a Chromebook ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. Please note, that there are some concerns about the long-term functionality of these devices and ease of network connectivity. These devices also will not work properly with the Adobe software suite e.g., Photoshop, Animate, Premier Pro etc.
- Battery Life of 5+ hours.
- Light weight, under 1.5 kg
- 12" or larger screen.
- Dual Band Wi-Fi with 5g a/g/b/n.
- Pre-loaded with the Microsoft Suite (students have free access to Microsoft 365 from the Student Portal)
- Ability to connect earphones/headphones.



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For further assistance, please contact MVHS Technology Support Officer, P: 4868 1717.

Where can you buy the correct device?

Parents are welcome to purchase devices anywhere. Parents should purchase a device that meets the school requirements and also suits their child's needs and family circumstances.

Local retailers are aware of NSW DoE school requirements and can assist you in choosing an appropriate device for your child.

About device security

The school does not own, support, or warrant the device. Experience from the DER scheme indicates that students who took good care of their device and considered themselves the device's owner rarely had device security issues.

You are advised to consider insuring the device against loss or damage, particularly if it is of significant value since the school and the Department of Education and Communities does not accept liability for loss or damage to student devices. (*NSW DOE Legal Issues Bulletin 8*) You might also consider using a device locator service.

Internet access on the device will be filtered through the DOE authentication portal while students are at school, and they will be prohibited from connecting to other networks while at school.

Concerned about the costs

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A quality device should last from Year 7 to Year 12 so viewed over six years the expense is significantly less.

The school has incorporated laptops and tablets into most areas of teaching and learning. This investment in digital technology is assisting in ensuring optimum learning outcomes for all students. We are committed to delivery of the same learning outcomes for all our students whatever their family's financial circumstances. We have developed an Equity Policy to operate alongside our BYOD Policy. The Equity Policy outlines a number of steps the school may take, in consultation with you, to support access to information and communication technologies (ICT).

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