



## Learning Technology: Middle School Mobile Learning Policy

Unley High School has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program to allow students (Years 7 – 9) and staff to connect their personal device to the school's network. It is an expectation that Year 7 to 9 students will bring an appropriate Apple iPad for use at school.

### Vision:

Learning Technologies are an integral part of Education. The use of technology whenever and wherever appropriate within and beyond the school, will extend the capacity of all students to learn for themselves and staff to support and extend teaching, learning and the curriculum.

### Rationale:

- **Student engagement**
  - Digital technology has many exciting and attractive features that can enhance teaching and learning
  - The familiarity and ease of use in that comes with having your own device
- **Learning becomes student driven**
  - As teachers our roles is about setting challenges, coaching and assisting students find information and come up with possible solutions to problems
  - BYOD gives authority to students to drive their own learning as education moves away from direct instruction
- **Collaboration & communication**
  - Working in teams to solve problems is an essential skill to develop for all students. Having your own device can play a significant role in that.
  - BYOD promotes communication with teachers and between peers
- **Learning anytime, anywhere**
  - Having your own device in and out-of-school provides opportunities for anytime, anywhere continuous learning

### Requirements:

#### 1. Connectivity

Connection to the network allows access the following:

- Access to the school's Infrastructure and wireless network
- Limited technical support
- Access to the internet
- Access to printing

#### 2. Technical Support

Students who require support with devices are able to obtain assistance from our Tech Support team. However any hardware faults must be returned to the place of purchase or preferred repairer.



### 3. Data Backup

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their data is regularly backed up. This could be via an external hard drive at home or cloud storage like Google Drive or iCloud or One Drive.

### 4. Games

The use of games within the teaching and learning program is at the discretion of the teacher and games need to be PG rating. In particular, while some games have significant educational benefits, other games have little educational merit. As a result:

- The use games at school is banned unless sanctioned by a teacher
- No ad-hoc networks are to be formed

### 5. Software

Software installed on any device must be licensed for use on that device. Students are responsible for the licensing of any software they install themselves. They must be mindful of Software Piracy and the consequences of using illegal software.

### 6. Internet Usage

- While at school, Internet usage is monitored and subject to filtering, and inappropriate use can be detected. While not at school, Internet monitoring or any filtering is dependent on the parent/caregiver.

### 7. Users and Security

- Each student has an individual username and password for logging in to the school network.
- This password cannot be divulged to any other party under any circumstance. Sanctions will be taken against any sharing of passwords.
- Any attempt to break into a government computer system is a Federal offence carrying strict penalties which are also applicable to minors.
- All students must adhere to the *ICT Acceptable Use Policy* signed at the beginning of each year.

### 8. Inappropriate Use

The following guidelines are outlined to ensure all users are able to access the latest research with the latest technology in an acceptable and safe learning environment.

- Users will avoid sites with content that is violent, racist, sexist, pornographic, dominated by offensive language and/or illegal in any way.
- Engaging in messaging apps unless part of a legitimate class activity guided by the teacher.
- The Federal Communications Act determines guidelines for appropriate use.
- Inappropriate use of the internet, email or messaging is a serious matter and can have significant consequences
- Passwords should remain confidential. No user should log-on another student using their password.
- It is the responsibility of students to maintain sufficient credit in their Printing accounts to allow subject related tasks to be carried out if they choose to use the school's printers.
- Do not use inappropriate or offensive names for devices.
- Do not bring to school, or use, games or any other materials which may be offensive to others.



- Do not engage in cyber bullying or e-crime.
- No device with camera capabilities are to be used in change rooms or toilets.
- The use of online and communication services is monitored by the school
- The school can delete any material and apps that are unauthorised, unlawful or incompatible
- Under privacy legislation it is an offence to take photographs of individuals without their expressed permission and place these images on the Internet or in the public forum.

## 9. Cyber bullying

- Technology provides individuals with a powerful means of communicating instantly with others in both positive and negative ways. Cyber bullying is bullying which uses technology as a means of victimising others.
  - Examples can include communications that seek to intimidate, control, manipulate, and put down or humiliate the recipient.
  - Activities can include repeated negative messages, sexual and racist harassment, denigration, impersonation, trickery, exclusion and stalking.

## 10. Electronic crime (E-crime)

Cyber bullying may involve varying levels of severity, ranging from occasional messages to frequently repeated and highly disturbing threats to a person's life. Cyber bullying can therefore be an e-crime, a fact often not clearly understood by those involved.

E-crime occurs when electronic communication devices are used to commit an offence, are targeted in an offence, or act as a storage device in an offence.

### Consequences

Any form of cyber bullying or e-crime will be dealt with through the school's "Harassment Policy" and "ICT Acceptable Use Policy".

Serious breaches are a police matter and will be dealt with through State & Federal laws and SA police.

## 11. Security and Storage

During the school day when the devices are not being used (e.g. at lunchtime, during PE etc.), the devices should be kept securely locked in the student's locker.

## 12. Power Issues/Battery/Charging

Students should come to school with their device fully charged as **NO** charging in classrooms will be available to students, as per Work Health & Safety regulations.



## RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATIONS:

### iPad

- Apple iPad 9inch screen or more. WiFi only
- Suitable protective case; we recommend a fully enclosing case that protects the corners
- An Apple ID to enable access to recommended iPad apps
- iPad minis are not recommended for class work at school
- Android tablets are not compatible with our systems or learning programs