

BYOD FAQ

Fact Sheet for the Cape Naturaliste College Bring Your Own Device Program

- Q:** Can students bring MacBooks, Laptops or any other brand of Tablet?
- A:** The only devices that will work with the BYOD program are Apple iPads. The only iPad that will not work at CNC currently is the original iPad 1. All other models will be fine.
- Q:** What happens if an iPad is damaged or stolen at school? Will the school cover it?
- A:** No, the school cannot cover damage or theft to privately owned property. The school's insurance, like all government departments, is through the government agency Risk Cover. We cannot change this, it is not a school decision it is government policy. Parents are advised that if they feel insurance is important to speak to their home and contents provider or seek insurance through a separate private insurer. The school recommends that a protective case be purchased for iPads to help protect them from knocks or falls.
- Q:** What if a parent cannot afford a new iPad?
- A:** Second hand iPads are acceptable providing that they are an iPad 2 or later. If parents are still in a position whereby they cannot afford an iPad they should ask to speak to an Associate Principal for further assistance.
- Q:** What about expensive updates to the iPads?
- A:** Software updates for iPads have been released free of charge since Apple first released the iPad 1. There are no signs of this changing in the near future. Students are currently able to install the Office Apps (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) for free through an agreement with the Department of Education. Help with the activation of this at be sought at school.
- Q:** How are the kids supposed to use them in school when they have no keyboard?
- A:** Our experiences have shown us that kids today are as good, if not better at using on screen keyboards than they are traditional physical keyboards. There are also a wide range of cost effective external wireless keyboards that can be purchased if that is preferred.
- Q:** What if kids use 3G or 4G SIM cards to access the internet and bypass the college filtering?
- A:** The use of Internet services other than the College Internet while on school grounds is against the schools ICT usage policy and consequences apply if caught. This has always been the policy and students have always been able to tether their devices to their mobile phones to do exactly the same thing even before our iPad programme was introduced. CNC have been involved in student 1:1 device programmes for many years and CNC we have found this to be a very minor problem.
- Q:** Why does CNC not allow other devices like Samsung Tablets or Laptops?
- A:** CNC can see the value in multi-platform programmes, however, at this point in time the Apple iPad platform is the device that is best supported by the Department of Education's Standard Operating Environment. This combined with the support requirements and issues regarding teacher's being able to adequately deliver equitable teaching and learning programmes to all students are all reasons for the decision for CNC to stick to one single device platform.