Bring Your Own Device Policy

Purpose

The increasing availability of personal mobile devices has accelerated the demand for new models of learning. The connection to their own personal mobile device is primarily for the purpose of developing 21st century learning skills and for fostering digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in a safe environment. The use of personal mobile devices at school will deepen learning, will be personalised and student-centred, and will meet the expectations of teachers, students, parents and caregivers.

Access to the school's and the Department of Education and Communities network, including the internet, will be made available to students primarily for their learning activities where appropriate. The term personal device refers to any approved technology device brought into the school and owned by students.

Student

Denison College aims to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource collaboration, innovation and communication. The students are expected to use all digital tools, online services and digital resources in a responsible, ethical and legal manner, demonstrating respect for others and an appreciation of the right to learn of all students.

When at school students will only use the "nswdet" wireless network, any other network used eg 3G/4G will be deemed inappropriate. Any action that disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the College is also deemed inappropriate.
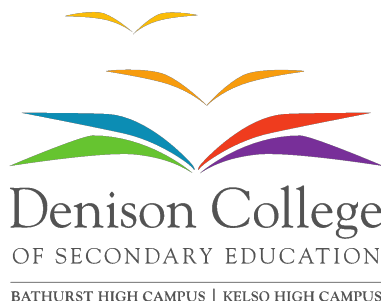
Teacher

Teachers will use a range of technologies to compliment teaching and learning in the classroom. They will facilitate student access to information on their device in support of and to enrich the curriculum while taking into account the varied instructional needs, learning styles,abilities and developmental levels of students. The use of a student's own device in class is at the direction of the teacher.

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School

Denison College commits to upholding the DEC Usage Policy Guidelines and providing physical and resources to enable safe, educationally relevant access to the relevant curriculum facilities for staff and students. Denison College will provide a wireless network with filtered Internet connection to which students may connect their device. The school also has a responsibility to ratify information published on the internet by students or the school, under the school's name, meets legal requirements and community standards in relation to copyright and safety.

Equipment Care

Denison College has decided not to pursue a specific laptop program but to support students who bring their own choice of device to school. Students must ensure their devices are safe and secure at all times. Denison College will not be responsible for the damage or loss of devices and DEC insurance will not cover the damage or loss of student devices. Anti-virus software is recommended and will be the responsibility of student.

Misuse of equipment or communication systems

Students and parents/carers must agree to comply with the school's and Department's policies concerning their use of devices at school and while connected to the schools or DEC networks. While at school, ALL material on the device is subject to review by school staff. Bringing your own device is a privilege and not a right. The consequences of any breaches of this policy will be determined by the Principal, or delegate, in accordance with the college's Device Policy.

Technical Issues

The college cannot provide ongoing technical assistance for hardware or software problems that may occur with laptops/tablet devices beyond the connection to the wireless network. Such further assistance remains the personal responsibility of the student.

Software

As Google Drive and its associated applications is the preferred productivity suite, each device will need to be able to have Google Chrome as its default browser. The student is responsible to ensure that any software or application required is already installed on their laptop/tablet device. Where specific software is required for classroom learning and or tasks, the teacher will provide access to the software via desktop computers in one of the computer labs at the college.