

Dear Parents and Carers

The School Board has approved the potential for students in Year 5 and Year 6 at SDPS in 2016, to bring a curriculum device to school, for the purpose of enhancing teaching and learning. Consultation with providers has indicated that in a primary context it is unworkable for students to bring “any” device and specifications around the device can be found below.

Key points around this initiative are:

- The purpose of the device is curriculum enhancement. If parents choose to provide a device it is considered a tool for learning and needs to be a designated device which is available for daily use.
- Students will not have access to the school network until 9am and it will be closed at 3:00pm. Capabilities are in place to limit student access to the wireless network; to class time.
- Devices will only be used in class time, they will not be available for use at recess and lunch times, or before/after school.
- Devices will only be used under direct teacher supervision. Students will log onto their devices which then allows the school control over the device whilst in use on site.
- At no point will students be requested to share their personal device with other students.
- Students who take up the option to bring a device to school will have a strict code of conduct and responsibilities around the use and management of the device.
- Apps purchased by the school will be pushed out to devices for student use in 2016. Once a student leaves the school the app will no longer be available on their device. Only apps of educational value will be pushed out to devices.
- Parents wishing to access additional apps can consult with teachers for recommendations. The cost of additional apps is borne by the parents and downloading must be done from home.
- There will be an option to purchase or lease a device through Solutions IT, our ICT provider.
- Insurance for devices is the responsibility of parents. Devices need to be listed as a separate item on home contents insurance policies.
- All Year 5's and 6's in 2016 will be using the 'Connect' resource. Provisioning for parents and students is underway.

In order to meet the Learning outcomes we hope to achieve with this program it is important that we maintain consistency with the devices and associated apps available to students. After careful consideration of the available devices, the relevance and maturity of educational apps available for each device and the level of investment in staff professional development the school has already made; the school has identified the Apple iPad as being the most suitable device to meet our objectives. Device specifications for suitable devices can be found below:

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Minimum device requirements
Apple iPad (3rd Generation or above)
CPU: 1 GHz Dual Core (or higher)
Ram: 1GB (or higher)
Storage: 16GB (or higher)
Wi-Fi
iOS: 8.1 (or higher)
Suitable devices include
Apple iPad 3
Apple iPad 4
Apple iPad Air
Apple iPad Air 2
Apple iPad Mini
Apple iPad Mini 2
Apple iPad Mini 3

It is important for this initiative to be successful that there be a critical mass of students who take up the opportunity to bring their own device to school. Based on parent response to this letter of intent to offer a BYO scheme in 2016, a minimum of 70% of students is required for the initiative.

Please consider carefully the information and device specifications provided in this letter and return the slip below to the administration office, with your response, by ***close of business Thursday 27 August 2015.***

For clarification on any matters relevant to this letter please email jennifer.allsop@education.wa.edu.au

Regards
Jenn Allsop
PRINCIPAL
20 August 2015

BYO Apple Device 2016

Parent name _____

Signed: _____

Student name _____

Confirm Year 5 or Year 6 in 2016 _____

My child will take up the BYO curriculum device initiative as a Year 5 or Year 6 in 2016.

My child will not take up the BYO curriculum device initiative as a Year 5 or Year 6 in 2016