Provision of Digital Technologies Policy

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the office at Rosanna Golf Links Primary School 9457 4178.

Purpose

Digital technologies are dramatically changing how students learn. Digital devices enable students to interact with and create high quality content, resources and tools. They enable students to leverage learning that is interactive, differentiated, collaborative and authentic. At Rosanna Golf Links Primary School (RGLPS) preparing students for life and work means ensuring they can access authentic and rich learning experiences through appropriate use of technology.

Scope

This policy applies to individual student devices.

Aims

To meet the needs of our learning community by implementing a 1:1/BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) learning model. This includes facilitating:

- access to online resources, experts and learning communities
- access to authentic learning experiences beyond the school
- access to real life tools
- connection with and the application and presentation of new knowledge
- IT literacy and skills development
- improved assessment, reporting and feedback mechanisms
- an improved learning partnership between students and their families
- digital portfolios

Purpose

Recommended devices Recommended devices
- Students in Years 3 – 6 (starting Year 3, 2023) are asked to bring a fully charged Windows laptop (recommended devices can be found at https://rglps.orderportal.com.au/).
- Students in Prep to Year 2 will have 1:1 access to Apple tablet (apps and books will be school managed and provided).
- Though it is not preferred, any student can bring an alternate laptop or device of their family's choice for which the school can only provide limited support.

Technical and other support

Funding from the yearly Other Contributions (ICT Voluntary Contribution) will be sought to provide additional devices, technical support, software licenses.

1. Windows products which are supported, currently up to five years old:

- will be fully supported by school technicians in setting up the EduStar WiFi, installing required software, joining our print management system and other school/monitoring systems.

2. Obsolete Apple or Windows laptops and other laptops and tablets with latest Mac, Microsoft and Android operating systems:

   - these devices are provided limited support
   - devices will be connected to the EduStar WiFi, however families will be required to install any required software and provide technical support. These devices are not able to be connected to school management and monitoring systems.

3. Laptops and tablets which have older operating systems

   - the school will attempt to connect these devices to the EduStar WiFi however we cannot guarantee that this will be always be technically possible.

School based digital technologies

Rosanna Golf Links Primary School will provide laptops, as needed, to students who do not have their own laptops or whose current laptop requires repair.

Additional technologies such as projectors, cameras, tablets, robotics, and 3D printers will also be provided by the school for student use at school.

Implementation

- Year 3 - 6 students are required to bring their own personal laptop, fully charged, to school on a daily basis.
- Prep - Year 2 students are not required to bring a device to school.
- There may be leasing options available to support families with financial difficulties. Families are encouraged to contact the Principal to discuss leasing options.
- The school technicians will:
    - join BYOD laptops which meet the minimum specifications to our school systems which connects the WiFi, installs educational software and services accounts.
    - troubleshoot technical problems with BYOD laptops
- The school will not be responsible for backing up laptops.
- Families are able to provide other devices outside of the specified BYOD minimum requirements, however the school is unable to manage the device beyond connecting it to the WiFi. Families will be responsible for installing any software (links to DET's free education software will be provided to families) and troubleshooting any technical issues.

Minimum Technical Specifications

WINDOWS BYOD must be use the current Operating System, in alignment with the school.

MAC BYOD Specifications Operating systems - MacOS or IOS (Current version)

Minimum requirements:

- Minimum 4 hour battery life

- Minimum of 128GB storage

- Minimum of 4GB RAM

- Protective (hard preferred) case for transporting to and from school

Further Information and Resources

This policy is to be read in conjunction with:

- RGLPS Digital Learning Policy (Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices)
- RGLPS Acceptable Use Agreement
- Parent Payment Policy

RGLPS policies are published to the school community via the school website and are also available on Compass under School Documentation.

Review Cycle and Evaluation

This policy was last updated in 2022 and is scheduled for review in 2024.

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