



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

PURPOSE

Vale Park Primary School is committed to providing engaging and contemporary learning opportunities. The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program empowers students to access digital resources, extend learning beyond the classroom, and develop critical digital citizenship skills. This policy ensures BYOD implementation aligns with the South Australian Department for Education ICT Cyber Security Standard and supports a safe, equitable, and effective learning environment.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Vale Park Primary School students, families, and staff participating in the BYOD program, in addition to users of school-owned devices.

ACCEPTABLE DEVICES

- Devices must be Chromebooks or approved alternatives compatible with Vale Park Primary School's ICT infrastructure.
- Devices must be in good working order, with adequate battery capacity to last the school day.
- Devices must connect exclusively through the school's filtered wireless network.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students

- Adhere to the Vale Park Primary School ICT and BYOD policies at all times.
- Bring devices fully charged, properly maintained, and used for educational purposes only.
- Treat devices with care and report any loss, theft, or damage immediately.
- Protect personal information, log out after use, and refrain from sharing passwords.
- Refrain from accessing or distributing inappropriate content.

Parents/Carers

- Review and support compliance with the BYOD policy and the School Device Loan/Use Agreement.
- Ensure devices are adequately insured and maintained in good condition.
- Engage with the school regarding technology usage and uphold the policy in partnership with school staff.

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Staff

- Provide clear instructions on appropriate device use and monitor digital learning.
- Foster a safe online environment and respond promptly to misuse and cyber security concerns.
- Maintain confidentiality of student data, following Departmental security and privacy requirements.

CYBER SECURITY and PRIVACY

- All devices must have secure login passwords and the latest security updates installed.
- Devices must not be used to bypass or attempt to bypass network security or content filters.
- Personal and sensitive data must be stored securely in line with Departmental guidelines and not retained unnecessarily on the device.
- Suspected cyber incidents or breaches must be reported in accordance with the Department for Education's ICT security procedures.

SOFTWARE and APPLICATIONS

- Only software, apps, and extensions approved by the school or Department are permitted.
- All software must carry appropriate licensing.
- The school reserves the right to require installation or removal of software to ensure safety and compliance.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT and INSURANCE

- Vale Park Primary School will provide basic support for connecting devices to the school network.
- Maintenance, repair, and insurance are the responsibility of the device owner.
- The school is not liable for loss, theft, or damage. Families may access the School Device Loan Program if unable to provide a device.

AGREEMENT and CONSEQUENCES

- Participation requires signing the Vale Park Primary School Chromebook/Device Loan Agreement or BYOD Agreement.
- Breaches of this policy will be dealt with according to the School Behaviour Management Policy and may result in suspension of BYOD privileges.

EQUITY OF ACCESS

Vale Park Primary School is dedicated to ensuring all students have access to the digital curriculum. For those unable to supply a device, a loan device may be provided pursuant to the School Device Loan Agreement.

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POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually or as required to reflect changes in Departmental policy, technology, or school circumstances.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- Vale Park Primary School Chromebook Loan Agreement (2026)
 - South Australian Department for Education ICT Cyber Security Standard
 - Vale Park Primary School ICT User Agreement
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