

## Bring your own Device (BYOD)



### Should I go out and buy my child a device?

- Personally owned devices are a supplement to the equipment already in use in the classroom. BYOD is an optional programme and parents are not required to purchase a device for their child. However, parents who are considering purchasing should refer to the *BYOD minimum requirements*.

### What are the - Minimum Device Requirements?

- Battery Life – 5-6 hours to get through a school day without recharging
- Weight – Light enough for your child to carry easily
- Wireless Access – must have wireless access to internet
- Must be able to save to the device either via hard drive or SD Card/USB device
- Laptops – must have up-to-date anti-virus software
- No gaming hardware such as PSPs

### How does my child register their device at school?

- You will need to sign the BYOD agreement form before your child can bring their own device to school.

### How will my child be using their device during the school day?

- Students will use their device to collaborate in real time, research for projects, and access websites with curriculum-related content.

### What about security/theft/damage?

- Devices are the sole responsibility of the student. Each class will have a lockable area for the device to be stored during break times and when the device is not in use. It is the student's responsibility to ensure it is placed in the lockable area during these times.

### What is the policy on charging personally owned devices while at school?

- It is recommended that personally owned devices come to school with a full charge. Students should be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their device during the school day.

### What apps/software will be used in the classroom?

- Morrinsville Intermediate School does not provide or require apps or software for personally owned devices. The internet browser built into the personally owned devices can be used to access Google and cloud based applications to support student learning.

### Will the device be protected with Internet Content Filtering?

- Morrinsville Intermediate School uses the filtering that is provided as part of our N4L (Network for Learning) network. We also have access to monitor students Gmail, and documents that are saved in their Google Drive.

### Will my child miss out by not having their own device?

- No. Each class are assigned a set number of devices for general use.

