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School Policy: Amaroo School BYOD Policy
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Related Policies and Procedures:

This document is based on the Education Directorate

USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDS) IN SCHOOLS POLICY

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This policy provides a framework for Amaroo School to support student use of personal mobile electronic devices (PEDs) at school. Amaroo School supports a diverse learning environment that incorporates both emerging technologies and traditional learning tools. From 2019 this document will be applicable for years 4-10.

Please note:

- The ACT Government provides a Chromebook to every year 7 student. Replacement devices are only available under warranty. Lost or damaged devices will not be replaced.
- Families of students in year 4 to 6 are asked to Bring their own device to school

Policy Statement

In consultation with the Amaroo parent community in 2014, Amaroo School is a BYOD community. Students must bring personal electronic devices (PEDs) to school to support their learning in years 4-10. The use of PEDs is to deepen and enrich personalised, student-centred learning and this is supported through a range of relevant research.

Amaroo School is committed to consulting with our community in relation to our BYOD policy. There is no single PED endorsed for sole use in schools. However, after consultation with the school community in 2014/2015, Amaroo school identified the Chromebook as our preferred device due to its exceptional battery life, lightweight and ease of software configuration.

If a student does not bring their device as an exception, then the school is committed to providing a device for short term loan. These devices are for use during school hours only and are required to be returned to the Inspire Centre at the end of each school day. Devices that are not returned will be the responsibility of the borrower and they will be liable for any damage to the device.

Families unable to provide a device due to exceptional circumstances, the school has limited capability to arrange a lease agreement after consultation with the Principal. This lease will be for the time frame of one term (these must be returned at the end of the term), with the possibility of extension. The use of PEDs at Amaroo School will be governed by this policy and the operational guidelines set out in the Directorate's *Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT – Parent and Student Guidelines* as well as the *SchoolsNET Operational Guide*.

Staff, students and parents are required to be familiar with this policy and the *Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT – Parents and Students policy*.

The *Use of Third-Party Web-based Education Services Guidelines and Mandatory Procedures* document outlines the responsibilities of schools, staff, students and parents when accessing third party websites for educational use.

Students are responsible for abiding by the school's policy and the terms of the *Acceptable Use of PEDs Student Agreement*.

Students and their parents must complete and return a signed Acceptable Use of PEDs Student Agreement before students can participate in the school's use of PEDs program.

Students are responsible for managing the battery life of their personal electronic devices and should ensure that devices are fully charged for the duration of the school day, before bringing them to school. Schools are not responsible for access to PED charging facilities.

This policy will be reviewed three years after date of publication or earlier if necessary. Where there are concerns regarding the application of this policy or the procedures themselves, people should contact the Principal in the first instance.

Amendment

1. Non-refundable hire fee of \$25 per term plus \$50 refundable bond (this will fund replacement after 3 years).
2. **Breakages of leased chrome books:** If a leased device is broken while in the care of the students the initial bond \$50 is lost, to re-lease a device the bond cost goes up to \$100. If a second breakages occurs the family pays for replacement or repair of the device. No further leases will be offered until the family repairs or replaces the device.
3. In all cases rehiring is at the discretion of the principal or their delegate.