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Initial Technology Letter To Year 1-12 Parents

Dear Parent / Carer

The school aims for a 1-1, student to device ratio. As part of this, all Year 5 to 12 students are required to supply their own laptop for use at school, with Year F-4 to supply their own iPad. This is referred to as the BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device). The Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum delivery is also enhanced through student use of these devices.

This letter provides an early indication of Technology requirements at Boort District School.

In 2024, Boort District P-12 School will be using the following structure to ensure Technology provision for students in Years F-12:

Foundation - Year 4 – Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Foundation students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying an Apple iPad or iPad mini. Boort District School has a BYOD Portal where you can purchase directly from Edunet.

Year 5 -12 – Years 5 to 12 students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying a Laptops. Tablets or Chromebooks are not are not compatible with the applications used by the school. Students will also have access to a bank of iPads in specific classes if required. Boort District School has a BYOD Portal where you can purchase laptop directly from Edunet

Updating devices – students will be encouraged to update devices on a regular basis eg. when the warranty expires or perhaps 3/4 years of use.

Please find the information on the school website under BYOD and the attached material regarding purchasing options and recommended minimum specifications. A flowchart of requirements at each level is also included on other pages. You have the option to select a Laptop package through the Portal, based on cost and performance. There is also a finance option available.

Microsoft Office is used throughout the school and all students are eligible to receive a free copy of Microsoft Office 365, as they will have an education-based email account. There will be instructions on the school website and support will be available early in the 2024 school year to help students load this onto their computers if required.

We remind parents / carers / students of the school’s Acceptable Use Policy, which needs to be approved on Xuno in order to enable students to access the network and WiFi. The

school's Bullying and Harassment Policy, on the school website, also covers our response to Cyberbullying.

We understand that there may be situations that arise where provision of these devices is difficult. In these cases, we have a limited amount of machines to loan to students. An ICT levy payment will be required in these cases so that the technology can be serviced and updated. Please contact Merryn Rees or myself to discuss further if required.

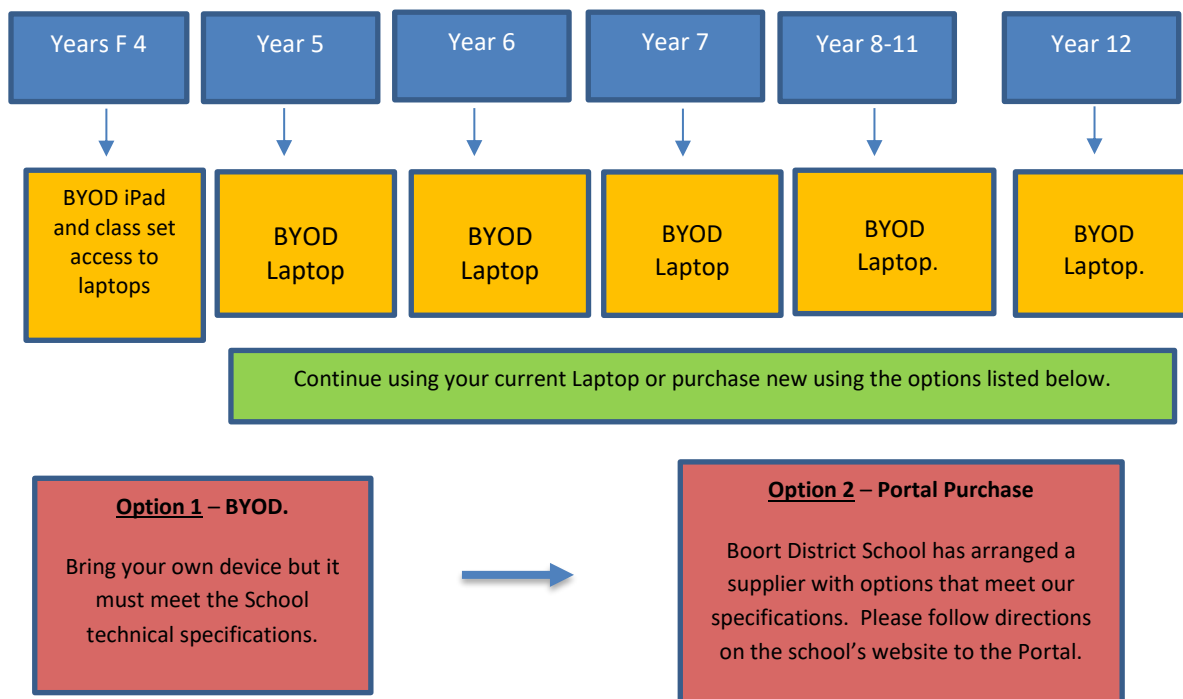
We urge parents / carers to have students organised for the beginning of the 2024 school year, with access to laptops required for Year 5-12 students, and iPads for F-4 students. Students with new devices should bring them to the Library where connection to the wireless / internet can be organised.

Yours sincerely

Tom Bleicher

Assistant Principal

BOORT DISTRICT P-12 TECHNOLOGY STRUCTURE 2023



Technology Structure 2023

Foundation – Year 4: Students will take part in the BYOD iPad program in 2022.

Year 5: Students will begin the BYOD Laptop program and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

Year 6: Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

Year 7 - 12: Students continue using their BYOD Laptop.

Purchase Options

Edunet:

Link to Portal is available from the BYOD section on the school’s website.

The Portal has a number of options that meet the school’s specifications. Finance options are available.

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device to ensure that it meets the minimum technical specification.