

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Device Requirements

Bellaire Primary School

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Due to the success of our iPad BYOD Program in the Middle Learning Unit this year, we will continue to roll this out in 2023. We kindly request that devices are purchased for students in Year 3 in 2023. This will allow for four years of use while at Bellaire Primary School.

We will be continuing to use **iPads** as the device for our 2023 program in the Middle Learning Unit. Our networks are configured to work best with iPads. We kindly ask that students bring their own device that will go between home and school for their virtual learning in 2023.

Please note: We do not have an expectation that all students will have their iPad ready for use on the first school day of school in 2023. We understand that this is not possible for all families.

Please find specific information below:

What device do I buy?

Please refer to the JB HiFi portal and ensure that your device is operating on iOS13 or higher.
If using an older device, we recommend it has at least 64GB of storage for use until the end of your child's schooling.

Do I need to purchase any accessories?

We kindly ask that a keyboard is also purchased.
A COVER and a SCREEN PROTECTOR are both absolute must haves.

Purchasing your device

If purchasing from JB HI-FI, Bellaire will have an educational discount available.
Log onto the JB HI-FI portal from the school website using the school code **Bellaire2023**

Network mapping

Your child's iPad will be mapped to the school's network at the start of the school year. This mapping will give your child access to the schools secure and protected network, internet and printing. More information will be provided to families at the start of next year.

eSafety - Parent Information Sessions

At the start of the school year we will be facilitating an Information Session for parents with Police Officer Robbie Noggler. Students will also participate in a lesson with Robbie during school time. If there is enough interest, staff will run Information Sessions about various eSafety processes including parental controls. Dates for these sessions are still to be determined, however will likely run early Term 1.

Policy and User Agreement

Our BYOD Program is supported by a specific school policy and Student Internet & ICT Acceptable User Policy-Agreement. The policy is available via our school's website. The User Agreement will come home with your child as part of the normal start up routines of school in 2023. Please note that even though it is a personal device all areas of the Acceptable User Agreement must be adhered to while at school.

Security

There are a number of processes in place to ensure that your child's iPad is secure:

- When students arrive at school they take their bags into the Learning Community (iPads are to be transported **IN** bags and are not to be used in the school ground before or after school).
- When the students are out of the community and are not using their iPads the devices are locked away.
- If your child attends Before and After School Care the device (inside the school bag) is stored away unless your child has signed permission to use it during this time for homework.

What if my child does not have their own personal device?

If you choose to not purchase an iPad for your child, or they will not have one at the start of the school year, they will be able to access a school-owned device. This device will be shared with other students and, as it is a school-owned device, it cannot be taken home. Please inform Miss Dolheguy via email if you are thinking of a school-owned device for your child.

Please contact Mr Raidme or Miss Dolheguy via email at bellaire.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions ☺



Please view the BYOD School Website page through this QR code for further information.