



2017



Bring

Your

Own

Device

Program



Overview

Moving into 2017 Upper Yarra Secondary College is looking to continue our 1:1 Program for Year 7 students. We believe that giving students immediate access to technology in a 1:1 program will help engage them in the learning process in new and creative ways and become increasingly skilled at using technology to access and present information, to problem solve and work collaboratively. Students will use their devices in class and at home to support their learning.

The purpose of this brochure is to provide all parents with information about the program and the devices that can be used.

Purpose and Goals of the BYOD Program

1:1 Program

Our 1:1 Program provides students with the opportunity to be effective digital learners who will become confident, creative and productive in a digital world. New year 7 students will be expected to purchase a recommended school device.

Families will have a number of choices as to the device, accessories, duration of insurance, and payment method.

Goals of the 1:1 Program

Students will use the device as a tool to manage their work and learning.

Students will develop age-appropriate ICT skills and understandings, including the responsibilities of online citizenship.

Devices will be used to:

- Access, use, create and publish digital and online information.
- Develop knowledge, understanding and skills through creativity, critical thinking and problem solving.
- Collaborate with others.
- Communicate their knowledge and learning in a variety of ways.
- Store and use eBooks.

Students will accept responsibility for:

- Their personal actions when using ICT.
- The care and functionality of their device.



Why has UYSC selected a non-device specific 1:1 option?

It's all about choice, your choice.

The UYSC network is capable of supporting any modern device. If there is a device you already own or are comfortable with, that is more important than the school specifying a device.

At school, the students will use a range of devices including Chromebooks, iPads and Windows-based notebooks and desktops. Upper Yarra Secondary College is moving towards integrating Chromebooks into the curriculum.

When choosing a device, important things to consider are:

- *User friendly:* Simple to use.
- *Speed:* Fast enough that you aren't waiting around for things to happen.
- *Robustness:* Kids will be kids. The tougher the device, the better.
- *Battery Life:* It needs to last all day. It is not viable to have students charging a device at school.
- *Security:* Chromebooks, iPads and Macs are generally more virus-resistant.
- *Insurance:* Accidental damage insurance is something we strongly recommend you consider.

Program Costs

Purchase and Program Costs

The cost to families will vary depending on the:

- Device selected
- Accessories Selected
- Type of warranty / insurance selected
- Type of financing selected (if required)

Much of the cost of a device could be considered against the significant savings offered by eBooks.

Financing

Leasing can be a smart solution for education equipment and can enable students to keep up-to date with the latest technology, without impacting cash-flow or burdening parents with big upfront costs.

Many companies offer leasing options. We are in the process of negotiating a school wide deal which we will communicate with families once finalised. We are more than happy to offer advice regarding lease options with independent suppliers.



Acceptable Use

The College places a high value on the development and maintenance of positive, healthy and respectful relationships and a supportive environment for all members of the school community.

The responsibility and expectation of digital citizenship

It is the expectation that students will be responsible digital citizens when participating in the BYOD Program, using the College's ICT and their home or mobile devices.

Students will practice responsible use of ICT and develop positive attitudes towards ICT that foster lifelong learning, personal growth, collaboration and productivity.

Students will be supported in developing digital citizenship through understanding the ethical, cultural and societal issues related to Information and Communication Technologies.

Cyber Safety

Upper Yarra Secondary College believes that teaching cyber safety and responsible online behaviour is essential and is best taught in partnership with home and school.

Students are spending increasing amounts of time online, learning and collaborating. To be safe online and to gain the greatest benefit from the opportunities provided through an online environment, students need to do the right thing by themselves and others online.

The school promotes the values of respect and responsibility, expecting students to behave appropriately on line.

At home, we recommend that parents make time to set guidelines around the use of 1:1 devices, and ensure that all internet activities occur in a shared space – not your child's bedroom, and negotiate appropriate times for online activities and use of mobile phones.

For further support students can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

Parents/carers can call Parentline on 132289 or visit www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx

FAQ

Will a student be using their device in every subject, every day?

A student will not necessarily be required to use the device every period. However the device is an essential learning tool that must be available to be utilised when required and therefore should be taken to all classes unless specifically advised.

Where will a student store their device when it is not in use, e.g. lunchtime?

Students must store and secure their device, in their protective case, in their locker during recess and lunchtimes. Students will need to store their devices in their lockers before Physical Education practical classes unless otherwise instructed by their class teacher.



Can a student add their own software to their device?

Yes. With the authority of the appropriate account holder, students may add their own apps to the device.

What is the process if my child exits the school?

The device is the property of the family and therefore will be taken with the student. Families will be responsible for any finance agreements pertaining to the device.

Is my child expected to take their device home every day?

Yes, students are expected to take the device to and from school each day. This will enable them to fully utilise the device at home and at school. It is expected that the devices will be charged overnight ready for a full day's use at school. Parents are asked to ensure that the computer is used responsibly and cared for appropriately in the home environment. devices must be transported within their protective cases inside the student's school bag to and from school.

Can I recharge my device at school?

No. It is expected that the device is fully charged upon arrival at school and will not need charging during the day. Student battery chargers are to remain at home and not be brought to school. Students must be aware that the use of the device outside class time may impact on the ability to remain charged for all classes.

Can other people use the device?

While it is a family owned device, the device is required for the student's education, so it is recommended that it is not used by anybody else.

Can the device be taken overseas?

Parents are advised to check the insurance provisions they have selected on the device to determine what cover is provided.

Will the student apps on the device be private?

Students can expect their devices to be periodically inspected and monitored for inappropriate usage. Students and parents need to be aware that apps stored locally on the device or on school servers are not private.

What happens if my child leaves their device at home?

Students will be significantly disadvantaged as they will not be permitted to borrow the school's devices. Continual failure will lead to intervention and consequences outlined in the UYSC School Electronic Device Code of Conduct.

What happens if the battery goes flat?

Students are required to bring their device to school fully charged every day.

Does my home need Internet access?

No. Students will be able to access the information they need when they are at school. Even when not connected to the Internet, devices are still very useful tools for learning. Of course, if you have Internet access at home, you are welcome to connect the device to your Internet connection.