



## UPPER COOMERA STATE COLLEGE BYOD PROGRAM UPDATE

### BYOD TRANSITION PLAN

Since 2019 Upper Coomera State College has been transitioning towards being a full Bring Your Own Device school for students from years 4-12.

In 2019

- Year 5-12 students were expected to bring their own device to the College.
- Those subjects which required a higher level of device (e.g. Graphics requiring AutoCAD software capabilities) had access to College maintained computers to continue their programs.
- Years 1-4 were still able to participate in the Junior School's BYOD iPad program.

In 2020/2021

- All students in years 5-12 were expected to bring their own device meeting the specific minimum requirements for their chosen subjects.
- Students without devices had access to a small fleet of loan computers through the library
- The BYOD iPad program was expanded to include more students across Years 1-4.

From 2022

- It will be compulsory for students in years 7-12 to bring a device which meets the specific minimum requirements for their chosen subjects.
- It will be compulsory for students in years 4-6 to bring an iPad for use in class with the required apps installed.
- Students in years P-3 will have access to devices within the classroom.

### WHY BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) supports the delivery of 21st century learning. BYOD is a term used to describe a digital device ownership model where students or staff use their personally-owned mobile devices to access the department's information and communication (ICT) network.

These mobile devices include but are not limited to laptops, notepads, tablet devices and USBs. Access to the department's ICT network is provided only if the mobile device meets the department's security requirements which, at a minimum, requires that anti-virus software has been installed, is running and is kept updated on the device.

Students and staff are responsible for the security, integrity, insurance and maintenance of their personal mobile devices and their private network accounts.

The BYOD acronym used by the department refers to the teaching and learning environment in Queensland state schools where personally-owned mobile devices are used. Please be aware that it is more than a personally-owned mobile device; it also includes software, applications, connectivity or carriage service.



We have chosen to support the implementation of a BYOD model because:

- BYOD recognises the demand for seamless movement between school, work, home and play
- Our BYOD program assists students to improve their learning outcomes in a contemporary educational setting
- Assisting students to become responsible digital citizens enhances the teaching learning process and achievement of student outcomes as well as the skills and experiences that will prepare them for their future studies and careers.

### CHOOSING A DEVICE

At UCSC we will provide families with information and support to make the best choice when choosing a device. The minimum device requirements for student devices is shown in a table at the bottom of this letter. With this information families will be able to choose from a range of devices at various price points from any supplier.

### PURCHASING PORTAL

UCSC has set up purchasing portals with Dell, HP and JB Hi-Fi to provide families with a number of options for purchasing devices. These portals will provide families with access to a wide range of education-specific laptops, tablets, accessories and insurance, at an affordable price. Products available differ from those in retail stores as they are education specific and selected for their compatibility to UCSC's ICT infrastructure and curriculum. The customised BYOD portal provides a simple step-by-step system that allows you to purchase your devices, accessories, extended warranty and insurance all from the one place. Portal instructions are below and information flyers are attached.

JB Hi-Fi:

- Access is via the College Website under the "Curriculum; Bring Your Own Device" tab or via <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>
- School Code: UCSCBYOD2022

Dell:

- Access via [www.dell.com/byod/DOESecondary](http://www.dell.com/byod/DOESecondary)

### DEVICE CARE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

It is the responsibility of families to keep their chosen IT device in good working order to ensure minimal disruption to learning and it is expected that students will bring their device to school each day fully charged. College IT staff will still provide support to attempt to diagnose faults in devices and assist with installing College supplied software. Families are strongly encouraged to consider purchasing extended warranties and insurance along with their device on the purchasing portal and to consider the terms and conditions as some packages will cover all types of damage including accidental for an extended period.