



Belmont School

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Succeeding together*

BYOD @ BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



Parent Information

BYOD@BELMONT

Future-focused education - what does it mean to us at Belmont School?

- We have the responsibility, and our community surveys have certainly endorsed this, to ensure that education prepares students for their world.
- A blended learning approach to teaching gives the students more ownership over how they access and submit work, and how they choose to communicate (be it digitally, on paper, or any mixture of the two).
- Achievement information, observation of student engagement and discussions with students and their families tell us that the use of the device at school and the opportunities to continue learning at home that the device offers as part of the student's toolbox for learning, does make a positive difference.
- We believe that the best way for a student to become proficient at critical thinking, self-managing and choosing the best communication method is to provide them with more opportunities to practice this in a balanced learning program and environment.

The Plan

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is when students bring their own device to school to assist their learning. At Belmont School, all Year 5 and 6 students bring their own device to school and all have received the benefits associated with doing so.

WHY?

In Year 5 and 6, your child's learning is supported through the use of a Chromebook as a digital device. The purpose and goal of this BYOD option are to develop and lift student achievement in the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Google Management License

The Google Chrome Management License enables the device to be configured and managed on the Belmont School network. It is best practice to use licenses in a BYOD education environment as licensing ensures security and integrity of the school network and optimal use of devices and apps from a teaching & learning perspective. The licenses must be purchased from an authorised Google partner and cannot be bought 'over the counter' at retail outlets.

Insurance

All devices brought to school are the student's responsibility. The insurance of the device is the parent's responsibility. Parents need to ensure their policy covers theft/damage away from home.

Dual purpose device

You will own any device purchased outright, but the Chromebook needs to be considered in the same way as the student's school books; it is one of their tools for learning. If the student's school Google address is used for log on at any time, then the school's cybersmart protocols will apply and will be monitored (if there was an issue). No applications or bookmarks can be stored while working under the Guest login. While utilising the Guest login, your usage is NOT monitored by our management system. The need for this depth of cybersecurity comes directly from MOE recommendations and our mandate from our Board of Trustees.

Headphones

Headphones are to be purchased from the school (approx \$12) and can be added onto your school account or paid in cash at the start of the year. This is to ensure that no ear-bud headphones or excessively sized headphones are brought to school.

Device Considerations

'All Chromebooks purchased for BYOD at Belmont School must come with a 'Google License'.

- Notebooks and or Laptops are not permitted, as we are unable to monitor what is stored on these devices or track usage in accordance with our Belmont School eLearning policy.
- In the event that a device is purchased elsewhere, not from our preferred supplier, a charge of approximately \$105.00 for the deployment, enrollment and management of the free Google license on the school network will apply.
- To purchase a Chromebook for use in our BYOD programme: **Schooled Up IT** can provide an education package, licensed for management on the school network and out of the box and ready to go:
 - Acer C733 Chromebook 11.6";
 - 1 year manufacturer's warranty;
 - Enrollment, deployment and management of the Google Chrome Management License on the school network;
 - Cranium for Chromebook - a fitted hardcover to add toughness and prevent screen cracking;
 - a protective waterproof sleeve;
 - warranty support - a loan Chromebook can be provided.

For more detail, please refer to the information outlined in our BYOD letter to families.

Feedback from our BYOD families

'I think it is a great link between home and school and developing the home school partnership. Parents being able to have an up close look into what their child is doing at school.'

'It allows children to become familiar with the online world and manage having a device in a safe way before heading off to intermediate and college.'

'Her knowledge of how the internet can help with her learning and how she can share her learning has been improved because she can have a go at things at home after she has tried them at school. She is very confident with using google based products.'

'He is more excited about his learning and has more confidence and computer skills, he did his presentation completely on his own, didn't require any help.'



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