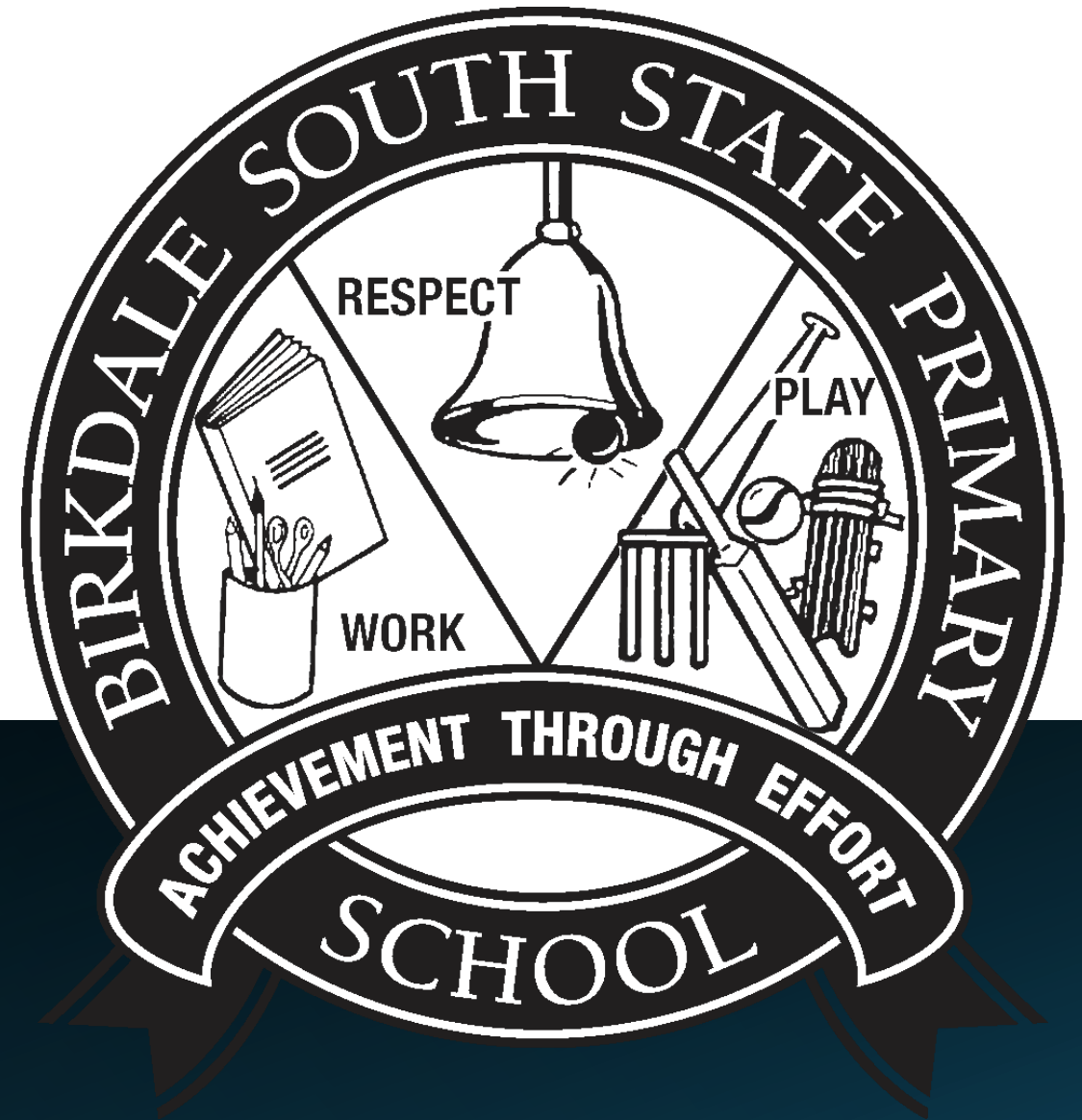


# Laptops for Learning

Empowering Education through  
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)



# Overview of Presentation

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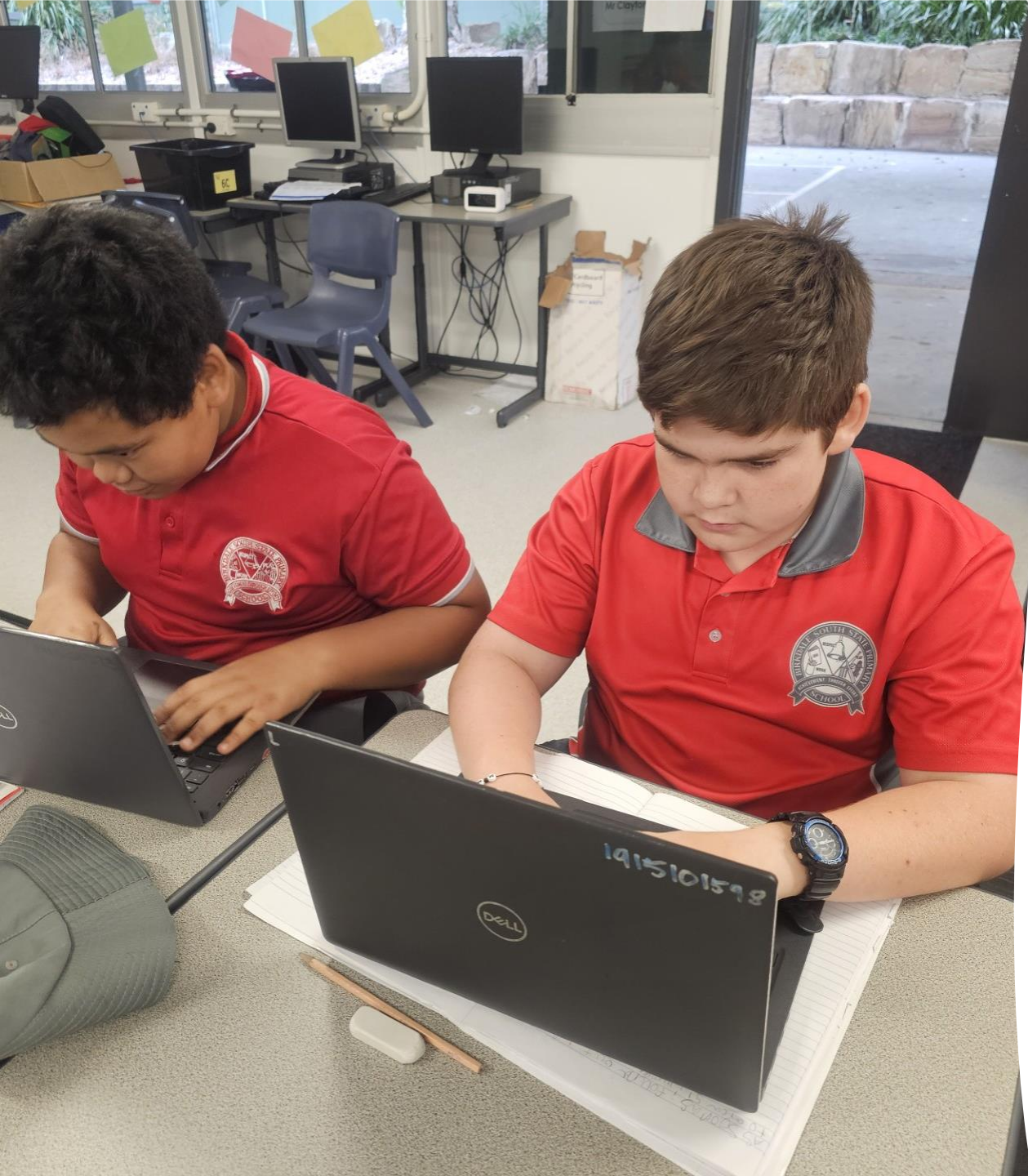
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What is BYOD?



BYOD is a **one-to-one laptop program** that is being introduced in stages to align with the Australian Curriculum (Version 9) focus on developing **digital and media literacy**.

- **2025** – Year 4 students
- **2026** – Year 4 and Year 5 students
- **2027** – Years 4 to 6 students
- **2028 onwards** – Years 3 to 6 students

Laptops are a valuable everyday learning tool that enable students to:

- Read, write and communicate effectively
- Engage in research and critical thinking
- Create, collaborate and problem-solve

# WHAT IS BYOD?

The BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program allows students to use privately owned laptops to access the school network and digital learning resources.

Following the successful introduction of BYOD in 2024, students will continue using Windows 11 laptops that meet the school’s minimum specifications.

Current Year	When	What Year Level will they be in when laptops are introduced
P	2028, Term 1	Year 3
1	2028, Term 1	Year 4
2	2027, Term 1	Year 4
3	2026, Term 1	Year 4
4	2025, Term 1	Already introduced in Year 4 2025
5	N/A	N/A



\*\*Note by 2028 introduce BYOD in Year 3 to become the normal phase in period.

# The Purpose of BYOD

Birkdale South fully investigated the purposes for implementing the BYOD program.

These are the fundamental reasons:

## Enhanced Learning Opportunities

Make learning more engaging and cater to different learning styles.

## Digital Literacy Development

These skills are becoming increasingly important in the modern world.

## Preparation for the Future

Skills they'll need in their future careers.  
47% of current professions will be automated.



# QLD Government - Education

Why one-to-one devices:

- **learning**—improving teaching and learning outcomes for our students
- **community**—meeting the needs and expectations of the school community
- **technology**—ensuring a safe, reliable and effective use of digital tools, resources and environments.



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# Learning – Improving outcomes for every student

## Our Commitment to Every Student

- Every child deserves a strong start and the chance to reach their full potential.
- Queensland state schools are committed to providing high-quality, fair education for all students.
- The Department's Equity and Excellence strategy focuses on digital innovation to enhance teaching and learning.

Focus	System actions
Learning and connectivity	•Connect all students to digital learning opportunities through access to devices and technology
Teaching capability and confidence	•Deliver the Australian Curriculum •Enhance the capability and confidence of teachers in digital teaching and learning
Improving access	•Establish a virtual academy to enhance access across the state to teaching expertise
School performance	•Streamline access to data insights and evidence to inform system, regional and school planning and responses



# Community—meeting the needs and expectations of the school community

## Our 1-to-1 Program Development

- In 2024, we worked with parents, the Department of Education, and local high schools through several consultation sessions.
- This process helped shape a program that is engaging, aligns with the Australian Curriculum, and meets the needs of our school community.
- Collaboration with local high schools ensures smooth transitions and prepares students for success in secondary school and beyond.
- The program supports students to become confident, capable, and lifelong citizens in a digital world.

Focus	1-to-1 considerations
Ownership and financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Choose device models that support family participation</li><li>•Choose device models that encourage students to take responsibility for devices as a tool for learning</li><li>•Ensure the program is supported by the community and can be sustained over time</li></ul>
Device selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Balance individual choice with effectiveness/efficiency</li><li>•The capacity of the school to support different/specific devices</li><li>•Strengthen the collaboration between the school and families</li></ul>
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Ensure no student is disadvantaged because of individual abilities, needs or circumstances</li></ul>

# Technology—ensuring a safe, reliable and effective use of digital tools, resources and environments

Our 1-to-1 BYOD program is designed to make technology use safe, reliable, and purposeful. We have:

- Chose secure and easy-to-use digital tools that support learning.
- Create safe online learning environments.
- Training teachers to use technology effectively in lessons.
- Helping students become confident and responsible digital learners.

Focus	1-to-1 considerations
Platforms and applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Use appropriate technologies to ensure students enjoy reliable, relevant and safe learning experiences</li><li>•Manage student devices on the network so they can connect easily and securely</li></ul>
Connecting safely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Maximise students' safety while working digitally</li><li>•Develop students' digital citizenship and Cybersafety knowledge and skills</li></ul>

# OUR BYOD PROGRAM PROMOTES



EASY and INSTANT  
access to learning  
(homework/ holidays/  
sick days)

Responsible digital  
citizenship

Supports guided  
learning, hands-on  
exploration, and  
active student  
engagement

Seamless integration  
of technology  
between home and  
school

"Technology is the  
ACCELERATOR not  
the DRIVER"

How do we implement BYOD?

# HOW ARE DEVICES USED IN THE CLASSROOM?

- Devices will not replace explicit teaching; students will continue to complete writing and Mathematics tasks in books.
- Laptops will be used to deliver learning experiences, consolidate topics, and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their understanding in engaging and creative ways.
- Students will use devices as required by classroom teachers to access learning activities and resources.



# HOW ARE DEVICES USED IN THE CLASSROOM? – One Note

OneNote and Teams are programs that can be used with a laptop device. They support a range of learning opportunities that would not otherwise be possible with pen and paper.

Examples of how One Note and Teams engages students:

## Media

- Students can view videos and interactive online content in real time.
- Content is accessible as they work through lessons.
- Supports engagement and understanding of key concepts.

## Differentiation

- **Pace and timing flexibility** – students can work at their own speed.
- **Access to digital resources and supports** – e.g., dictionaries, text-to-speech, translation tools.
- **Collaborative opportunities** – students can work together online or share work easily.
- **Immediate feedback** – some programs allow real-time assessment of understanding.
- **Personalised practice and extension** – adaptive learning apps can adjust to student level.

## Collaborative Tools

- Online discussions and peer feedback give students a real audience and voice.
- Shared documents support group work and collaboration.
- Real-time collaboration through OneNote or Teams.
- Easy sharing of work with teachers, peers, and families.
- Teachers can give timely feedback.
- Access to a digital learning wall to share ideas and track progress.



# MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR EQ STUDENTS

You do NOT need to purchase Microsoft Office.

Microsoft Office will be downloaded on your student's device using their Education Queensland username and password. This is completely free.

**Students use a number of Microsoft Office programs.**



# WINDOWS DEFENDER



Windows Defender is a built-in antivirus and anti-malware software program developed by Microsoft for the Windows operating system. It is designed to help protect your computer from various types of threats, including viruses, malware, spyware, and other malicious software that can potentially harm your system or compromise your data.

Windows defender has the least impact when onboarding your students device. Other antivirus software often blocks your student from accessing the school network.

# Steps to joining the BYOD program

# JOINING THE BYOD PROGRAM

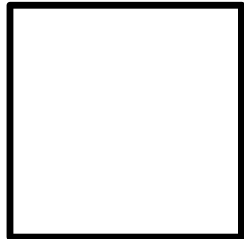
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Parent information  
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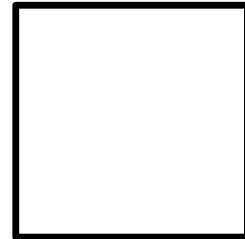
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BYOD Charter



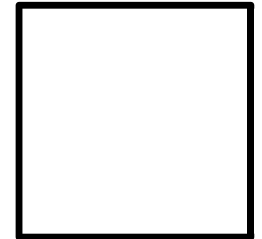
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Purchase Laptop



Step 4

Set up laptop



# WHAT IS THE CHARTER AND ONLINE CONSENT FORM?

## **The Charter**

The BYOD Charter is an agreement between the school and your child that outlines the acceptable use of a BYO device. It **must** be signed before your child can access the school network.

## **Online Services Consent Form**

This form is required by all Queensland state schools. It ensures that the online services your child uses are safe, suitable, and protect privacy. Many services require parental consent for students under 13. Where possible, we use non-identifiable information to keep your child's data safe.

# PURCHASING A LAPTOP

## Minimum Specifications

We publish a set of minimum specifications for laptops for students to use. Part of this is the requirement to have a **Windows 11 laptop only. We do not support any other type of operating system. (Windows 10 or below is not supported)**

## What laptop can't I buy

- A Chromebook
- Any Apple product eg. Mac/Macbook, iPad etc.
- An Android tablet
- Microsoft Surface Laptop SE (Education version is not supported)

**None of these devices are supported both from a technical standpoint and teaching standpoint.**



# PURCHASING A LAPTOP

Things to consider when purchasing a laptop:

**Build quality:** Choose a sturdy, robust laptop suitable for school use.

**Size:** Ensure the laptop is age-appropriate (e.g., around 14" is suitable for Years 1–6).

**Battery life:** Aim for at least 6 hours of battery life.

**Warranty:** Check the warranty period; longer coverage is recommended.

**Accidental damage/insurance:** Confirm if your insurance covers it or consider additional accidental damage protection.



## PURCHASING A LAPTOP - Why do we have recommended laptops?

### Education-Grade Laptops

- We recommend choosing an education-grade laptop because they are more robust than typical retail laptops, with stronger materials, thicker bezels, and longer warranty periods.
- To help ensure devices last as long as possible, we have partnered with trusted vendors who offer education-grade laptops at an affordable price. JB Hi-Fi and HP provide active support for devices purchased through them. The school does not receive any benefits from these purchases.
- We regularly review the devices listed on our website to ensure they are suitable for our students and school environment.

# PURCHASING A LAPTOP - Devices we do not recommend

- Laptops over the size of 17"
- Laptops without a physical keyboard permanently attached (Eg. A Microsoft Surface tablet)
- Laptops without touchscreens
- Devices without options for a protective case



# PURCHASING A LAPTOP - Minimum Specifications

When purchasing a device, it must meet the minimum specifications. If it does not meet these requirements, it may not work on the school network or be suitable for your child’s learning needs at school.

LAPTOP MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS:			
Category	Good	Better	Best
Windows Laptops			
Use Cases	Primary and junior secondary students (Microsoft Office, online learning and web browsing).	Suitable for junior secondary and senior secondary students (excluding subjects where video and 3D modelling is required).	Suitable for high end media creation (creating 3D modelling, video and autoCAD).
Processor Minimum	Intel i3 AMD Ryzen 3	Intel i5 AMD Ryzen 5	Intel i7 AMD Ryzen 7
Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)	Integrated	Integrated / Upgradable	Dedicated
Memory Minimum (RAM)	8GB	8GB	16GB
Disk Minimum Solid State Drive only (SSD)	256GB+	256GB+ 512GB (Upgrade)	256GB+ 512GB (Upgrade)
Display (min)	10-14" Touch Screen (Upgradable)	12-15" Touch Screen – inkable (Upgradable)	
Battery	Battery capable of minimum 6 hours of continual usage		
Case	All devices to have relevant case selectable under 'upgrades'		
Warranty	3-4 Years Onsite (4 years preferred)		
Lifespan	3-4 Years (should match warranty period)		
Delivery	Within 4 weeks		

- PROTECTIVE CASE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

  - Case size should match screen size of laptop (or close as possible) – Snug and safe – Like a bike helmet
  - Hard shell or cases with rigid corners are recommended minimising damage in the event of a drop
  - Zipper
  - THULE, Targus, ‘GRID’ by Targus (recommended choices). GRID cases are Mil-Spec – 4ft drop safe
  - Handles/shoulder straps recommended
  - Ridged corners help minimise the chance of a broken screen. This is the most likely cause of damage to student devices.

If you are unsure on a device you are looking at, email the link to the store to [IThelpdesk@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au](mailto:IThelpdesk@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au) for confirmation of compatibility.

# Recommended Laptops

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📅 **Period of cover:** 8 Oct 2026 to 8 Oct 2028 starting 12 months after delivery / collection.  
For more info about the manufacturer's warranty and JB Hi-Fi Minimum Voluntary Warranty (which may entitle you to a free remedy if your product is faulty), see 'Warranties included with your product' below.

- ✓ **One-off replacement** with an equivalent product, or if a suitable equivalent product is not available, you will receive a JB Hi-Fi Gift Card or store credit equivalent to the value of your purchase price.
- ✓ **Cover for failures caused by reasonable wear and tear** from normal and intended use of your product.
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- ✓ **Technical product support**  
Mon to Fri 9:00am - 5:30pm (Melbourne time, excluding national public holidays).

### Warranties included with your product

Warranties start from delivery or collection of your product. Dates below are a guide.

- **1 year Manufacturer's Product warranty\***  
8 Oct 2025 to 8 Oct 2026  
\*In addition to the standard manufacturer product warranty, some manufacturers offer longer warranty periods on specific components. Please check the relevant manufacturer's website for details.
- **2 years JB Hi-Fi Minimum Voluntary Warranty**  
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# **PURCHASING A LAPTOP**

Laptops shown  
can be  
purchased  
through vendor  
links at on the  
Birkdale South  
Website.

# SETTING UP THE LAPTOP

If you need help, three setup guides are available on the school website:

Curriculum > Bring Your Own Device > 1. Joining the program

We have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to set your child's new laptop before bringing it into school. There are 3 guides available depending on how confident you are in setting your device up. You can start on the guide that is relevant to you.

Guide 1: Setting up a brand-new device straight out of the box

Guide 2: Setting up an account on the laptop for your child

Guide 3: How to onboard the device (Setting the device up for use at school)

# SETTING UP THE LAPTOP

Most important points for laptop setup:

- Create a local or Microsoft account for your student; do not use your personal or work account.
- Set your student's account as Administrator.
- No need to purchase antivirus or Microsoft Office.
- If unsure, leave the laptop in its “out of box” state and we will assist during the first week of school.

# BYOD TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Our school technician will work closely with classes throughout the year to ensure all laptops connect to the network and to provide troubleshooting as needed.

A BYOD Helpdesk will be available in Term 4, 2025 to assist with device setup and management:

1. Purchase your laptop.
2. Email the BYOD Helpdesk [ithelpdesk@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au](mailto:ithelpdesk@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au)
3. The Helpdesk will respond with a scheduled day for your student to bring the laptop to school for setup and support.
4. Students bring laptops to school on the scheduled day.

There will also be scheduled days on the Student Free Days at the beginning of 2026. Dates and times to be confirmed.



# Student and Parent responsibilities

# LAPTOP SECURITY

Students use their own username and password to log in to and access the network. Every student has a unique username.

‘Galactic’ filtering allows the school to apply internet filters at a detailed, specific level, ensuring that appropriate content is accessible for different year levels and users.

# SECURITY: ACCESS TO THE INTERNET WHEN NOT ON THE SCHOOL'S NETWORK

Responsibility of  
parent/family.

School filters do not  
apply when not on the  
school's network.  
Actively monitoring your  
child's use of their device  
is recommended.

Setting expectations  
around device access at  
home is recommended  
and should be enforced.

# UPDATES DONE AT HOME

Windows updates at school can be time-consuming and disrupt learning.

All updates must be done regularly at home.

To update: Settings > Update, keep laptop connected to Wi-Fi, logged in, and plugged into power.

Regular updates prevent system problems, security risks, and lost learning time.

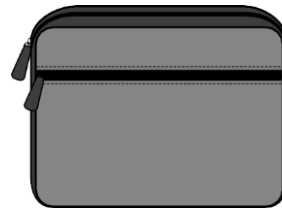
Laptops that are not updated will be automatically denied access to the EQ network

# BATTERY CHARGING

## *Who is responsible?*

- Devices are to be charged at home and brought to school fully charged each day
- No facility to charge devices at school.

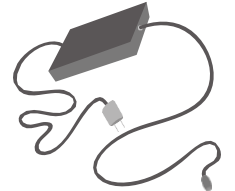
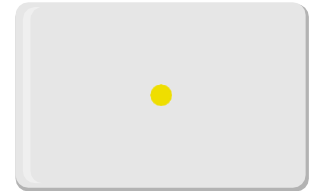
## CHARGE YOUR LAPTOP



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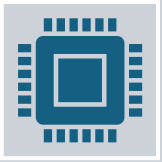
Check your laptop is charging.



Plug your laptop into the wall.



# INAPPROPRIATE DEVICE USE



Inappropriate use of devices or the school network may result in consequences, such as restrictions on device and network access, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.



The Acceptable Use of ICT and Responsible Behaviour policies outline the possible consequences for such behaviour.

In the classroom



# Roll out of BYOD at Birkdale South SS

Current Year Level 2025	When they participate in BYOD	All year levels participating in BYOD
Year 4	2025	Year 4 only
Year 3 (Year 4 2026)	2026	Year 4 and Year 5
Year 2 (Year 4 2027)	2027	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
Year 1 (Year 4 2028) Prep (Year 3 2028)	2028	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



# Laptop Ownership

The laptop belongs to the student. It is only to be used for schoolwork.

Please note, games are not permitted.

# Laptop Ownership



## Term 1 Focus

- Laptop Routines: Organising work and using devices responsibly
- Typing Fluency: Building confidence and accuracy
- Practical Skills: Saving, editing, and submitting digital work
- Digital & Cyber Safety: Safe and responsible technology use

## Student Laptop Use

- Laptops are for schoolwork only; games and personal use are not permitted.

## Platforms Supporting Learning

- Microsoft Teams: Access lessons, communicate, collaborate
- OneNote: Note-taking, organisation, reflection

These tools support effective learning, organisation, and digital independence.



# Staying safe online

Cyber safety is a key focus this term. Students will learn to:

- Be safe, responsible, and respectful online, including when sending emails
- Follow the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies expectations for safe use of digital systems
- Use strategies from Education Queensland's Cyber Safety guidelines to protect personal information and wellbeing online
- Year 4 focus: Safely charge laptops in a communal home space with a dedicated charging area

These lessons help students develop safe digital habits at school and at home, aligned with curriculum standards and state guidance.

1 Respect other users. Be kind and polite online.



2 Don't share personal information.



3 Only talk to people you know online.



4 Visit safe websites that a trusted adult has checked first.



5 Tell a trusted adult if something makes you upset or uncomfortable.



# What students will need

Laptop

Protective  
Case/Sleeve

Headphones  
or earbuds  
(wireless)

Mouse  
(optional)

# Keeping our laptops safe

**Responsibility:** students are responsible for their laptops at all times and must handle them with care.

**Protective case:** Laptops must be kept in a protective case or sleeve to prevent damage.

**Storage in Bags:** Laptops should remain in school bags until unpacked in the classroom to avoid accidents before and after school.



# School routine

1. Students will take their school bag to the classroom.
2. They will carefully take the laptop out of its protective case or sleeve.
3. The laptop, headphones and mouse will be placed in designated trays or holders in the classroom.
4. Students will then unpack their lunch, water bottle and any other items.
5. Finally, they will take their school bag to the back rack.



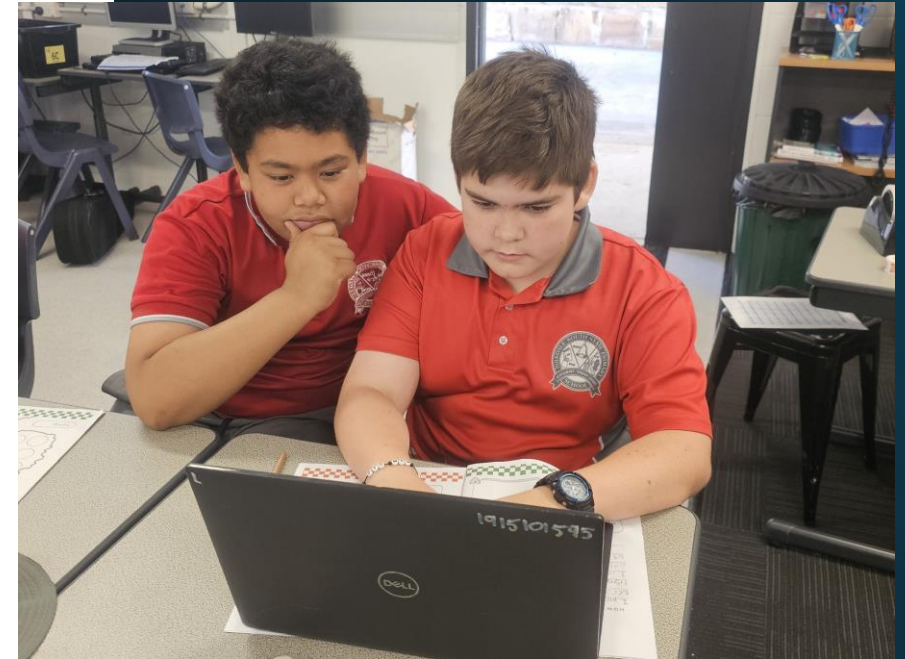
# Safety at break times

**During Breaks:** Laptops must remain inside the classroom.

**Storage:** Laptops will be kept in the classroom tray or designated holder when not in use.

**Security:** Teachers will lock the classroom during breaks to prevent access.

**Home Use:** Once packed to take home, laptops should not be removed until safely inside the house.



# Safety in the classroom

**Teacher Guidance:** Students will only use their laptops when instructed by the teacher. Until then, laptops will remain in their designated trays or holders.

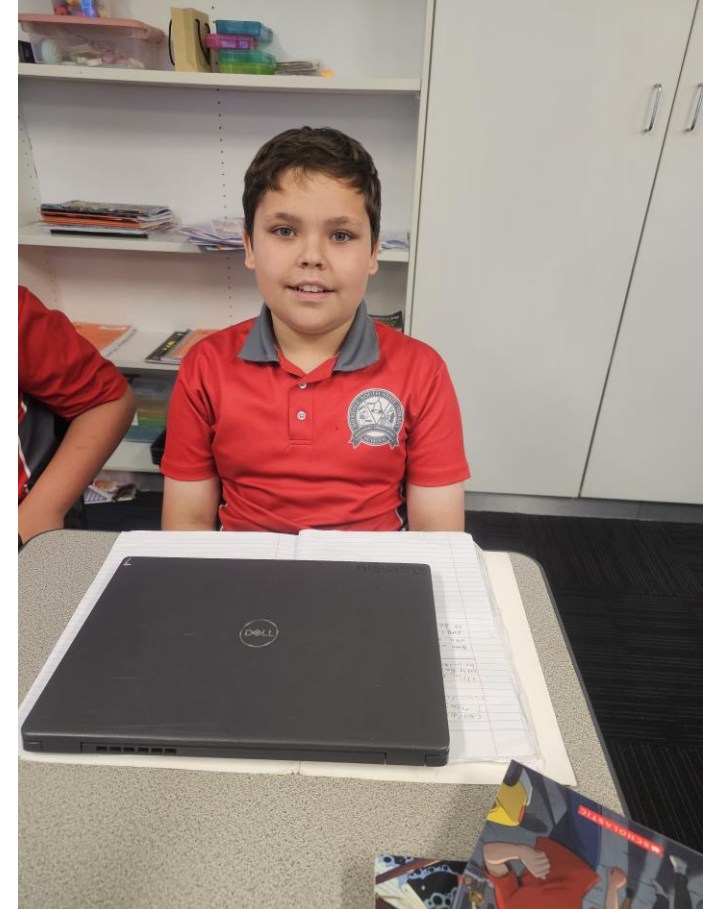
**Program and Website Access:** Students are expected to use only the programs and websites approved by teachers.

**Volume Control:** Laptops should remain on mute unless otherwise instructed by a teacher.

**Focus on Learning:** Games are for home; students should not play games or access social media during school hours. Additionally, no one should contact them through their laptops while they are at school.

**School ID Setup:** Laptops will be configured with the student's school ID to access the school's Teams app.

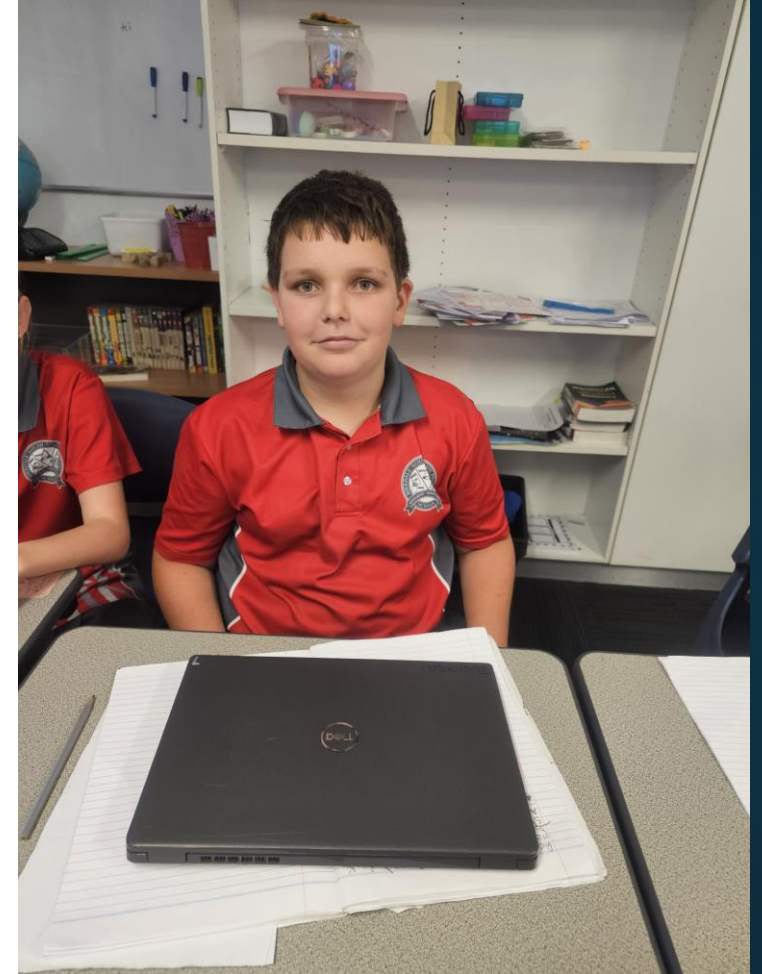
**Keeping Laptops Safe:** Water bottles will be stored under desks to prevent spills and damage.



# Back and Flat

At Birkdale South State School, we will be using 'Back and Flat'. This encourages active listening during lessons.

- **Whole Body Listening:** Students give full attention with their whole body when the teacher is speaking.
- **Laptop Usage:** Laptops should not be used or looked at during this time.
- **Screen Management:** Students fold laptops flat on the desk with a black screen. This is called "Back and Flat" and keeps work saved while minimising distractions.



# Keeping laptops 'ready to use'

- Students are responsible for their own laptops and must keep them ready to use.
- Laptops must be charged every night before bed to ensure they are ready for the school day.
- Students need to check for updates over the weekend and install them promptly. Keeping the laptop updated is crucial for proper functionality.
- Please note, updates cannot be downloaded at school, so this task must be completed at home.





Questions?