BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT) POLICY

INTENDED USE
This policy applies to St. Columba Anglican School students regarding their use of personally owned technology at school. It outlines that a breach in the policy may result in the School taking disciplinary action.

RATIONALE
SCAS utilises a BYOT policy to enhance and support learning. The ubiquitous and diverse technologies at SCAS promote the development of 21st Century skills and engaged learning. Schooling must match technological advancements and help prepare students for the modern networked workforce and world.

POLICY
• Students may bring their own technology to school to support and enhance learning.
• “Technology” includes but is not limited to tablets, laptops, storage devices and software.
• Minimum requirements for student’s default device (i.e. the device they will use for most classwork) must be at least 9” screen size; have a web browser; be able to access, create and edit Google Apps; and keep a charge for an entire school day (seven hours).
• Technology brought to school must be used appropriately at all times.
• Charging of devices at school is not permitted.
• SCAS will not be responsible for any damage or loss of personal technologies.
• Students must only use the secured SCAS Wi-Fi network to connect to the internet while at school. Personal 3G and 4G connections are prohibited.
• The school network must be used appropriately at all times. While at school, student activity on the school network and Internet will be monitored.
• Students must only use their own passwords to connect to any system or resource.
• Teachers and IT Staff may collect and audit student technologies when needed.
• Microsoft laptops and tablets must have Anti-viral or Internet Security installed (SCAS recommends Microsoft Security Essentials).
• Teachers direct student usage of technology during school hours.
• Devices may not be used for gaming while at school, unless it is part of an educational program supervised by a member of staff.

CONSEQUENCES OF A BREACH OF THIS POLICY
Using personal technologies brought to school in a way that breaches this policy may result in disciplinary action being taken. Disciplinary action may include limitation or removal of BYOT privileges and/or temporary confiscation of personal technologies.

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