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BYOD REQUIREMENTS 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, students in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) have the option to participate in our Bring Your Own Device (**BYOD**) program. As your child will be in Stage 3 next year, we have provided this information so that you may plan for 2025.

What is BYOD?

Students can bring personal devices to school to be used in the classroom, under the direction of the class teacher, for activities linked to class learning programs. The hardware and software requirements of devices supported by our policy are listed in the table below.

Please note, **it is not essential** that your child brings a personal device to school, they will still be able to access the school shared devices if you choose not to take up this policy. Also, the preferred device is a Windows laptop or MacBook, due to accessibility and reliability.

What devices are supported by the Niagara Park Public School BYOD policy?

Hardware	Operating System	Software
Windows Laptop	Windows 11	Current security updates Virus Protection.
Apple MacBook	Latest macOS (Currently – macOS 14 Sonoma)	Current security updates Virus Protection.
iPad 5 th Gen to current model	Latest IOS	Option for school to manage & supply apps for a fee. Alternatively, required list of apps will be supplied next year.
Chromebook	Chrome	Apps are installed through the Google Play store.

Please note that students have free access to Office 365 through the Department of Education. This can be installed via the online software from the Student Portal.

Please also note that Android devices are not listed as they have been found to be unreliable when using the Department of Education Wi-Fi network.

As you may want to prepare your devices with the necessary Apps, the table below shows the Apps that were used in 2024 as a guide for you.

Stage 2	Stage 3
Google Apps of Education (Google Classroom, docs, sheets, slides & forms)	Google Apps of Education (Google Classroom, docs, sheets, slides, forms & sites)
Reading Eggs	Reading Eggs
Stopmotion Studio (free version)	Stopmotion Studio (free version)
iMovie, GarageBand	iMovie (or equivalent)
PuppetPals	Prodigy Math Game
Popplet	Epic!
Targeting Maths (at Grade Level)	PicCollage (free)
Library Link – Oliver Library	Targeting Maths (at grade level)
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email at:
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Yours sincerely,

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