Niagara Park Public School

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BYOD REQUIREMENTS 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, students in Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) have the option to participate in our Bring Your Own Device (**BYOD**) program. As your child will be in Stage 2 or 3 next year, we have provided this information so that you may plan ahead for 2021.

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.

What devices are support by the NPPS BYOD policy?

Hardware	Operating System	Software
Windows Laptop	Windows 10	Up to date security updates Virus Protection.
Apple MacBook Early 2015 or later model	Latest macOS (Currently – mac0S 10.15 Catalina)	Up to date security updates Virus Protection.
iPad 5th Gen to current model	Latest IOS	Option for school to manage & supply apps for a fee.
iPad Mini 5th Gen	Latest IOS	Alternatively, required list of apps will be supplied next year.
iPad Air 3rd Gen	Latest IOS	
iPad Air 2	Latest IOS	
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.

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

As you may want to prepare your devices with the necessary Apps, the table over the page shows the Apps that were used in 2020 as a guide for you.

Stage 2	Stage 3
Google Apps of Education (Google Classroom, docs, sheets, slides, forms & sites)	Google Apps of Education (Google Classroom, docs, sheets, slides, forms & sites)
Mathletics and Reading Eggs	Mathletics and Reading Eggs
Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint	Class Dojo
Dictionary.com (dictionary and thesaurus)	Dictionary.com (dictionary and thesaurus)
Stopmotion Studio	Stopmotion Studio (free version)
iMovie, GarageBand, Classroom	iMovie (or equivalent)
PuppetPals	Prodigy Math Game
Popplet	Epic!
Targeting Maths (at Grade Level)	PicCollage (free)
Pages, Keynote and Numbers (for Apple devices)	

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us via email at:
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