**BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Policy**

**Purpose**
Narellan Vale Public School has a school vision which states ‘At Narellan Vale Public School we are committed to providing a quality education for the whole child. Students will become innovative 21st Century learners’. In order to strive for this vision the school has a strong focus on integrating technology in the classroom. Many students possess devices that give them access to information and resources 24/7. These tools are ideal for the 21st century skills of communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

In an effort to create student focused learning and empower students to take control of their learning in this current information rich environment, Narellan Vale PS have developed a BYOD policy in line with the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) policy. The purpose of the policy is to support and enrich student learning in the 21st century. Students wishing to participate must follow the responsibilities stated in the school’s ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’. This agreement must be completed by the student and parent/carer before a device can be used at school.

**Devices**
The term ‘device’ means privately owned wireless portable electronic equipment including laptops, chromebooks, netbooks, tablets/phablets (ipad/ipod/android/windows) and smartphones. These devices need to be compatible with the current DEC wireless 5Ghz network and proxy server.

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**Narellan Vale Public School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program**

**Acceptable Use Agreement**

1. Security and use of the device is at all times the responsibility of the student. The school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of the device. Any insurance is the responsibility of the parents/careers.

2. The device should:
   - be brought to class fully charged, ready for use.
   - be clearly labeled with a label that cannot be easily removed.
   - not be left unattended.
   - be stored securely in the classroom when not in use (e.g. locked in classrooms/storerooms during lunch & recess).
   - be stored in a secure, safe location when used outside school or during transportation.

3. Students must not use the school’s internet service to download any data files (including documents, music/video files) or apps except under the direction of their teacher.

4. The school accepts no responsibility and cannot guarantee support for any apps, data etc., installed onto the device. The school is under no obligation to provide technical support.

5. The school supports appropriate cyber safety practices (see school cyberbullying policy) for parent and students:
   - Students are required to use the school’s wireless internet and any phone internet connection such as 4G, 3G, YesG or NextG must be switched off.
   - Mobile phone voice and text use by students during the school day is still prohibited by this policy.
   - Students must keep their passwords confidential.
   - The device should be left in a general home area for charging overnight. The school does not encourage the device being left in a student bedroom overnight.

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• The school supports parents in setting a deadline for finishing the use of the device in the evening.
• We encourage parents to regularly check the contents of their child’s device and their internet use to ensure that only appropriate websites are being used.
• Internet browser history on devices is not to be cleared by students.
• Students may only take photos, videos or audio recording of an individual or group with their permission and after permission from the teacher.
• Students are expected to follow all teacher directions including when to use the device (as per the school discipline policy).
• Students must provide their device to teachers upon request.
• Narellan Vale Public School staff reserve the right to access the data on a student’s device and delete inappropriate data when necessary. The principal or delegate has the right to confiscate a device in order to investigate inappropriate use. All internet use is recorded by the DEC.
• Students must report any inappropriate behavior or material to their teacher.
• Students must not let anyone use the device other than their teacher or parents/carers.
• Virus protection (where appropriate) should be installed and settings should not be disabled. Devices must continue to maintain the latest service packs, updates and antivirus definitions.

6. Students must not hack or bypass any hardware or software security implemented by the DEC.
7. Students must not copy, transmit or retransmit any material that is protected by copyright, without permission from the copyright owner.
8. Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that the operating system and all software on the device is legally and appropriately licensed.
9. Personal wellbeing and safety while using the device is essential:
   • Use the device only when required for schoolwork during class time.
   • Avoid extended use of the device while resting directly on your lap. The bottom of the device can generate significant heat.
   • Take frequent breaks when using the device for long periods of time.
   • Do not provide your personal information to anyone over the internet.

Student Agreement

Student Name:_______________________________________             Class:______________

I have read the Narellan Vale Public School BYOD and acceptable use policy with my parents. I agree to follow the rules contained in this agreement and I will use my device in ways that are appropriate, meet school expectations and are educational.
I understand that failure to follow this agreement may result in the suspension of the BYOD privilege and further disciplinary action being taken if appropriate.

Student Signature:________________________________________________  Date:_____________

Parent/Carer Agreement

I have read the Narellan Vale Public School BYOD and acceptable use policy with my child. I give permission for my child to participate in the program and use their portable device at school. I understand the school will not be held responsible for any damage or loss of the device.
I understand that failure to follow the agreement may result in my child having this privilege suspended or revoked and further disciplinary action being taken if appropriate.

Parent/Carer Name:___________________________________________________(please print)

Parent/Carer Signature:______________________________________________  Date:_____________

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