



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

2018

Dear Parents and Students new to JRAHS,

Our school is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school. To allow the most appropriate purchase of a new device (either laptop or tablet) for your family we will specify a number of minimum requirements (specifications), however, we do wish to give yourself and your child maximum choice.

For BYOD, the minimum specifications listed must be adhered to:

- **WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY MUST SUPPORT 2.4 and 5 Ghz dual band wireless. (802.11 a/b/g/n, make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n' or 802.11 a/c).** Please note students will not be permitted to use alternative wireless options eg, 3G or 4G etc, as we can only ensure security and safety while using our wireless.
- **Operating System** – current or previous version of any operating system eg, iOS6 or 5 for ipads
- **Battery life** – minimum 5 hours
- **Memory and RAM** – 16GB Storage 2GB RAM (at a minimum, students may prefer more)
- **Camera and Microphone**
- **Reasonable size** to enable ease of use throughout the day
- **Casing** – tough and sturdy
- **Weight** – light enough for your child to carry
- **Durability** – needs to last a number of years
- **Keyboard** (attached or wireless)
- **Word Processing software**
- **Spreadsheet software**
- **Presentation Tool** eg, Keynote, PowerPoint, Prezi
- **Web Browser** (Cloud based software application may be appropriate eg, Office 365)
- **Please note there are many suitable e-textbooks now available – please check your device would operate these.**

If you choose the BYOD option you must read and sign the attached BYOD Policy and Permission Form.

It needs to be made clear that your provision of a new computer for your child is not a compulsory program. However, the school is not in a position to provide computers to all students as it has done, through the DER program, in the past. In order to ensure that ongoing ICT education continues and we are truly able to maximize our teaching and learning for our 21st century gifted learners, we believe a BYOD program is our only way forward.

To ensure equity for all students, we have created a pool of laptops that can be borrowed, on a yearly basis, by students. A smart phone is not a suitable device for the learning needs of our students.

To ensure effective teaching and learning at James Ruse Agricultural High School (JRAHS), it is essential that your son or daughter has either a DER borrowed (pool) laptop or brings a suitable device.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Connors".

Megan Connors
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