



# Bring Your Own Technology 2023 BYOT@RBHS

## Information for Parents and Carers



In 2023, Year 7 and 8 students will be required to have their own suitable device. If your child is unable to bring their own device, please don't hesitate to contact the school to discuss how we can offer your child support.

The introduction of BYOT is a positive inclusion that provides increased opportunities to access and use technology for learning. BYOT can support and engage students through:

- Providing anywhere, anytime learning
- Supporting teacher innovation and the development of student 21st Century skills and capabilities
- Connecting parents/carers with their child's learning
- Personalising learning to meet the needs of all students, including gifted and talented student

### How will my child keep their device safe and secure?

Please ensure that your child's device is clearly labelled, including their power pack (charging cord) and other personal IT accessories, such as headphones.

It is strongly recommended that your child's device is protected with a secure and unique password. Families may find it helpful visiting the *eSafety Commissioner* website which has excellent advice for creating good passwords, this information can be found here: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/topic-library/safety-first/safe-passwords>. The *eSafety Commissioner website* is an excellent place for information and advice for staying safe online and reporting abuse to the eSafety Commissioner.

Students are encouraged to have a suitable storage/protection bag to transport their device to and from school, as well as between classes. All students have a secure locker with a combination lock to protect the contents of the locker. When not in use and during break times, students can store their device in their secured locker.

Students are responsible for ensuring they have a suitable virus protection on their devices.

**It is important to note that students use their own personal device at their own risk and any damage or theft of a device will not be covered by school insurance.**

### Where can my child charge their device?

Students are asked to please charge their devices at home overnight. While there is access to power point sockets in classrooms, access will be limited as demand may be high, and this may result in your child not being able to use their device for learning.

### What software will the device need to have?

It is important that students have access to a web browser. At RBHS we use Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome and/or Firefox. Students are also required to have suitable virus protection.

All students within the Department of Education have FREE access to a Microsoft 365 licence. During the first two weeks of term 3, your child will be supported to install the Windows apps from Microsoft 365 on their device.

When saving work, students are encouraged to save their work to the cloud, which is accessed through Microsoft 365 OneDrive. Students are already familiar with saving their work on OneDrive, as it is a key part of our Digital Technologies curriculum.

Be aware that if you choose a tablet device, for example an iPad, students will most likely need to buy a small number of apps to support and facilitate the use of the device for learning. Students may also find speed of use an issue due to the lack of keyboard and mouse.



## What permissions are required?

Students have already signed the ICT acceptable use form at the start of the year. Students who have returned and completed this form, and continue to uphold proper use of our ICT resources, will be able to be added to the school WI-Fi and access Office 365. The school reserves the right, however, to suspend Wi-Fi when breaches occur.

Students will also be required to acknowledge a user agreement when logging on to the WI-Fi.



## What support will you offer my child in using their device?

We will provide your child with guidelines and information pamphlets on how to connect to Office 365 and technical support will be provided as, and if, required.

In our middle school, we will have student leaders on our **eTeam** who will be able to troubleshoot questions your child may have and offer advice when needed – this will be under the supervision of a staff member.

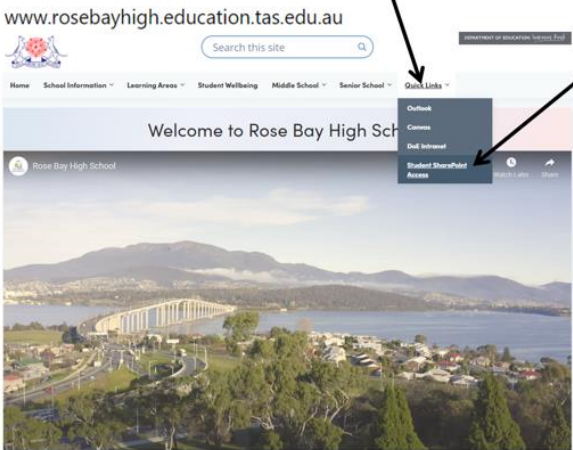
Students will be able to check-in with the **eTeam** during nominated lunch times or by completing an online IT-Help request form that will be located on the student **SharePoint**.

Please note, that we have moved from our old intranet site to **SharePoint**. This is the place where students will be able to access the links to their email, CANVAS, Education Perfect, STILE and other school-based applications. We also update information for students about upcoming events and other relevant information on **SharePoint**.

Students can already access **SharePoint** from home by following this process:

### How students can access SharePoint from home ...

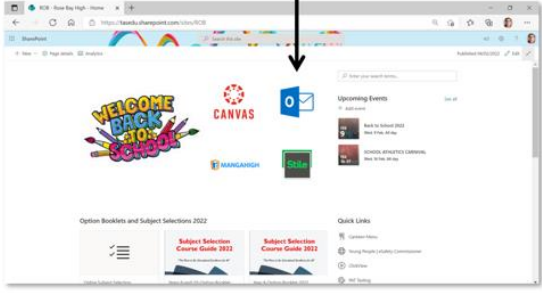
**1** Visit our school website



**2** Click on 'Quick Links'

**3** Click on 'Student SharePoint Access'

You will be asked to sign in with your school email and password





## Who do I contact if my child is unable to bring a device to school, or if I still have questions and/or concerns?

Please do not hesitate to contact our admin team by emailing [rose.bay.high@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:rose.bay.high@decyp.tas.gov.au) or calling (03) 6242 9299, who will put you in touch with the relevant person.

# Which device should we buy? What are the device requirements?

We cannot recommend a particular type of device, or brand. **A mobile phone is not an appropriate device** and cannot be used instead of a laptop and/or netbook. The following device requirement checklist should be remembered when deciding on a device:

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*learners first*

## BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY Device Requirements Checklist



### WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY

Wireless connectivity is a vital feature for BYO technology items in schools. Your device should support 2.4Ghz and/or 5Ghz band wireless.



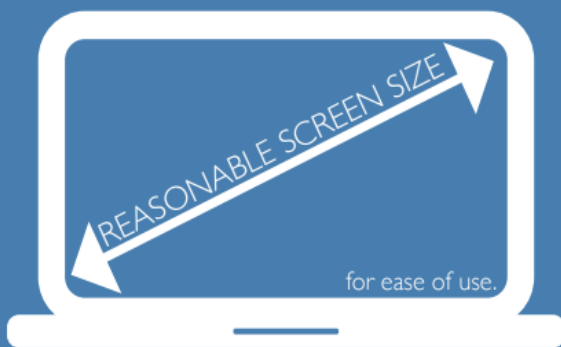
### OPERATING SYSTEM

To ensure you have the latest features, software, and security updates, we recommend updating to the latest operating system your device will support. Eg iOS 14 for iPads, Windows 10 for Microsoft OS based devices



### HARDWARE FEATURES :: CAMERA & MICROPHONE

These are necessary to ensure students can participate in 21st century learning activities. A stylus or keyboard may also be useful.



### WEIGHT

Is the device light enough to carry each day?

### ACCESSORIES

**Carry case:** a carry case or skin is essential for protecting the device and can provide ergonomic advantages.

**Headset:** a portable headset with audio input for use in video conferencing and watching online video recordings of learning resources.

**Warranty:** make sure you consider purchasing extra warranty to reduce future repair costs as these devices will be used extensively.

**Insurance:** devices can become lost or be broken easily at school. Make sure your insurance policy covers these eventualities.

### MEMORY & RAM

64GB Storage :: 4GB RAM

To be able to store and process data effectively, these minimum specifications are recommended.

### DURABILITY

Tough and sturdy outer casing, and strong keys and inputs.

**BATTERY LIFE**  
Minimum 8 hours