



# YEPPOON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Bring your own device Year 10 2024

Dear parent/guardian

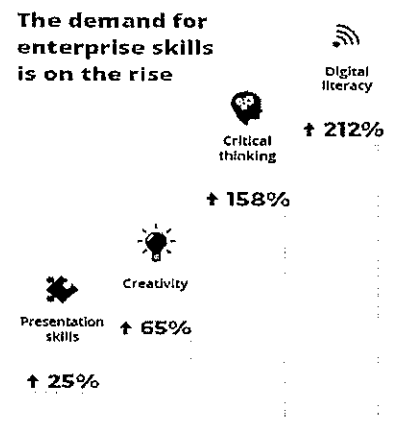
In 2024, students in year 10 will be required to participate in the *Bring Your Own Device* Program (BYOx) at Yeppoon State High School. We believe that it is vital that our students become members of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century digital economy, and a key part of this learning will take place through digital technology at YSHS. We realise that to ensure our students have a life of choice in the careers and opportunities they pursue, that their capabilities with digital technologies must be enhanced during their learning journey with us.

According to a recent Forbes Report, *The Top 10 Most In-Demand Skills For The Next 10 Years*, digital literacy was number 1:

*Digital literacy encompasses the skills to learn, work and navigate everyday life in our digital world. These skills involve the ability to use devices, software, and apps safely and with confidence. People with strong digital literacy skills can communicate and collaborate easily using digital tools, and they keep on top of new technologies and understand how they might impact their job and their business.*

Research from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) has identified Digital Literacy as a high demand enterprise skill for the future. A dedicated group of Yeppoon SHS teachers continues to build a strategic plan for the use of Digital Technology at school, with this FYA and other research driving the agenda. Your students will be part of the inaugural phase of this digital revolution at Yeppoon SHS.

There are significant benefits to your student being part of this digital revolution including:



Access to online learning materials via QLearn onsite and offsite	Digital collaboration with peers and teachers
Access to digital textbooks	Improved keyboarding skills
Embedded opportunities for differentiation strategies	Enhanced Research skills
Personalised learning opportunities	Digital organisation and communication skills

The BYOx program, like all similar programs in an educational setting, imposes a financial cost on students and their families. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to an appropriate device. While the personal device is an essential educational tool, it is understood that there may be difficulties for some families. Yeppoon SHS will work with families in genuine cases of hardship.

As this year progresses, further information and supporting documentation will be released via the Yeppoon SHS website.

We look forward to working with you as we roll out the BYOx program in 2024.

Kind Regards

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## Device selection and minimum specifications

Before acquiring a device to use at school, the parent/carer and student should be aware of the school's specifications for appropriate device type, operating system requirements and software. These specifications relate to enabling diverse class activities, meeting student needs and safe and secure access to the network.

Device	Minimum	Recommended
<b>Windows Laptop</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 5 years old i3 or i5</li> <li>• Windows 10 home</li> <li>• 13" LCD Screen</li> <li>• 8GB RAM</li> <li>• 256GB HDD</li> <li>• Wireless N 5GHz capable network card</li> <li>• Anti-virus software</li> </ul> <p><i>2.5GHz network cards are incompatible with EQ networks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• i5 6 core processor (10<sup>th</sup> gen +)</li> <li>• Windows 10 or 11 Pro</li> <li>• 15" OLED Screen</li> <li>• 8 – 16GB RAM</li> <li>• 256GB+ SDD</li> <li>• Wireless AC 5GHz network card</li> <li>• Anti-virus software</li> </ul>
<b>Apple iPad</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 5 years old</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> Gen 10"</li> <li>• 128GB Storage</li> <li>• iPad OS 15</li> <li>• Protective case</li> <li>• Keyboard or Keyboard case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Gen (Current version) 10"</li> <li>• 256GB Storage</li> <li>• iPad OS 16</li> <li>• Protective Case</li> <li>• Keyboard or Keyboard case</li> </ul>
<b>Apple Macbook Pro/Air</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less than 5 years old</li> <li>• Mac OS 11 (Big Sur)</li> <li>• 8GB RAM</li> <li>• 256GB HDD</li> <li>• Wireless N 5GHz capable network card</li> </ul> <p><i>2.5GHz network cards incompatible with EQ networks</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MacBook Air</li> <li>• M1 processor</li> <li>• 8GB Ram</li> <li>• 256GB+ SDD</li> <li>• Wireless AC 5GHz network card</li> </ul>
<b>Chrome Book</b>	Incompatible with EQ network Do not buy	
<b>Android Tablets</b>	Incompatible with EQ network Do not buy	
<p><b>Regardless of the device chosen, the following are strongly recommended:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protective case</li> <li>• 5hr battery life</li> <li>• accidental damage</li> <li>• loss &amp; theft insurance</li> <li>• 3 year warranty</li> </ul>		