



YEPPOON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Bring your own device Year 10 2025

Dear parent/guardian

In 2025, 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 21st 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.

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

- Access to online learning materials via QLearn
- Access to digital textbooks
- Embedded opportunities for differentiation strategies
- Personalised learning opportunities
- Digital collaboration with peers and teachers
- Improved keyboarding skills
- Enhanced Research skills
- 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 in genuine cases of hardship. Yeppoon SHS will work with families in genuine cases of hardship.

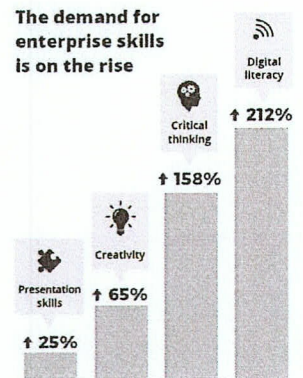
As this year progresses, further information and supporting documentation will be released via the Yeppoon SHS website.

We look forward to working with you as we roll out the BYOx program to the Year 10 cohort in 2025.

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. Please Note: If your student is likely to study a science subject in Year 11 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Marine Studies) then the preferred device is a Laptop.

Device	Minimum	Recommended
Windows Laptop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 5 Years old Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen • Windows 10 Home (Non S mode) • 13" LCD SCREEN • 8GB RAM • 256GB HDD • Wireless N 5GHz Network card <p><i>2.5GHz network cards incompatible with EQ Network</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intel i5 6 core 12th Gen (or newer) or Ryzen 5 5600X • Windows 10 or 11 Pro • 15" OLED screen • 8-16GB RAM • 512GB+ SSD • Wireless AC 5GHz network card
Apple iPad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 5 Years old • 8th Gen 10" • iPad OS 16 • 128GB Storage • Protective case • Keyboard or Keyboard case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th or 11th gen • 256GB Storage • iPad OS 17 • Protective Case • Keyboard or Keyboard case
Apple Macbook Pro/Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 5 years old • Mac OS 12 (Monterey) • 8GB RAM • 256GB HDD • Wireless N 5GHz Network card <p><i>2.5GHz network cards incompatible with EQ Network</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacBook Air • M3 Processor • 8-16GB RAM • 512GB SSD • Wireless AC 5GHz network card
Chrome Book	Incompatible with EQ network. Do not buy.	
Android Tablets	Incompatible with EQ network. Do not buy.	
<p>Regardless of the device chosen, the following are highly recommended: protective case, 5hr battery life, accidental damage, loss & theft insurance, 3 year warranty (for new devices)</p>		