



# YEPPOON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Bring your own device Year 10 2026

Dear parent/guardian

In 2026, 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.

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 and/or email.

We look forward to working with you as we roll out the BYOx program to the Year 10 cohort in 2026.

Kind Regards

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