

Electronic Devices Policy

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Rationale

At Kerang Christian College we aim for our students to become wise “digital citizens”, able to confidently locate and use information which is accurate, relevant, authoritative, comprehensive and balanced. We also desire that they should use the technology in a way which is thoughtful, ethical and respectful, being aware of the “digital footprint” they are leaving behind.

Kerang Christian College embraces the use of electronic devices for educational purposes. The College recognises there is a range of mobile technology available today including mobile phones, smart phones, mp3 players/iPods, iPads, notebooks, digital cameras and other similar devices. Kerang Christian College recognises that all of these have the potential to be incorporated appropriately into lessons, opening exciting new approaches to learning. The increased ownership of electronic devices requires that Kerang Christian College administrators, teachers, students and parents take steps to ensure that these are used responsibly. This policy is designed to ensure that potential issues can be clearly identified and addressed, ensuring the benefits that electronic devices provide can continue to be enjoyed by our students.

The Kerang Christian College Electronic Devices Policy gives guidance and instruction for the appropriate use of these devices during school hours. This policy also applies to students during College excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities. In the case of College camps and excursions, the College does not allow students attending, to carry electronic devices, unless explicitly stated on the permission form.

Kerang Christian College recognises that personal mobile phones are a valuable tool for promoting the safety of students travelling to and from school. However, Kerang Christian College also recognises that electronic devices can be subject to unacceptable use, particularly in regard to cyber-bullying, invasion of privacy and cheating and they can also be a source of distraction and disruption during class time. The use of mobile phones and personal devices during School hours for personal communication or entertainment is not acceptable.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to provide:

- A safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions.
- Greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

Policy

All Primary students who bring a mobile phone or personal electronic device to school must turn it off and hand it in to the office when they arrive at school and collect it at the end of the day.

All Secondary students who bring a mobile phone or personal device to school will be required to turn them off and store them in their locker from the beginning of the school day (8:50am) to the end of the school day (3:20pm).

The use of personal devices for educational purposes is at the discretion of the supervising teacher with approval from the Head of School.

Usage of electronic devices is not permitted unless a staff member specifically requests their usage as part of a class activity. Students found using a mobile phone or personal device during school hours may face disciplinary action as outlined in the Behaviour Management Policy.

Mobile phones and/or personal devices will be confiscated from students in breach of this policy by the classroom/supervising teacher. If a device is confiscated, the student can collect it at the end of the school day from Student Services. For students who repeatedly disregard this policy, the College may ask a parent/guardian to collect their son/daughter's confiscated mobile phone/device.

Please note that mobile phones and other personal devices owned by the students at the College are considered valuable items and are brought to the College at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. For that reason, we strongly recommend that students place a lock on their locker to keep these devices safe and secure.

General Guidelines

- The use of personal devices during break times is not acceptable unless supervised by a teacher.
- The privacy and feelings of others must be considered and respected when using personal devices.
- If using a device to capture photos, sound or video of others, express permission must be given from a supervising teacher and all persons involved.
- The use of a device that breaches the schools expectations will result in the confiscation of the device and possible further consequences for the student as per the Behaviour Policy.
- If parents have to make contact with students during school hours, this is still to be done through the College Office.
- If a student needs to make contact with a parent during school hours, this also needs to be facilitated through the College Office.
- Students should also be familiar with the Kerang Christian College Computer / Internet Access Agreement.

Usage

While at the College, devices are intended to be used for educational purposes and will access the Network which is monitored and protected by filtering software. The wireless network is secure and access is gained by using a login. Any device used at the College for educational purposes should be brought to the College every day with a full battery. Students should not rely upon charging facilities at the College. Should the battery run down it is the responsibility of students to have alternative means of continuing with schoolwork. While at school students are permitted to access only the College's network. There is to be no tethering to any other device while on College premises.

Outside of the College the device may be connected to any home network or internet connection. The College does not provide any filtering or security measures outside the College network. All students must install Sophos accountability software and nominate a parent as their accountability partner if they wish to use a BYOD at school. We also recommend installing filtering software for home use from either www.X3watch.com or www.k9webprotection.com.

Definitions

Application – Computer software designed to assist end users to carry out useful tasks. Examples of applications may include the Microsoft Office suite of products or smartphone applications such as Google Maps.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - An electronic device owned, leased or operated by a student at Kerang Christian College which is capable of storing data and connecting to a network, including laptops and netbooks. The accepted types of BYOD are listed in the *Acceptable Device Types* document attached to this policy.

Data - Any and all information stored or processed through a BYOD. Kerang Christian College's data refers to data owned, originating from or processed by Kerang Christian College's systems.

Device Hygiene - BYOD must have appropriate and up-to-date 'hygiene' solutions installed. Device hygiene includes anti-virus, anti-spam and anti-spyware solutions.

Minimum requirements - The minimum hardware, software and general operating requirements for a BYOD.

Mobile Device Management (MDM) – Solution which manages, supports, secures and monitors mobile devices.

Personal information – 'Personal information' is defined in the Privacy Act 1988 as "...information or an opinion, whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable."

Wipe – A security feature that renders the data stored on a device inaccessible. Wiping may be performed locally, via an MDM product, or remotely by a network administrator.

BYOD Terms and Conditions of Use

In the Secondary School, students are invited to participate in a BYOD program if they wish to do so. This policy also documents steps to minimise the risk of unauthorised access to Kerang Christian College's systems or unauthorised use or disclosure of the data held by Kerang Christian College.

Students, parents and guardians must review and accept this policy before using any BYOD. Your signature on the attached BYOD Acceptance Form indicates your agreement to the requirements of this policy.

Acceptance indicates agreement to the following standard terms:

- **Acceptable BYOD:** A range of devices may be considered for use as a BYOD providing it meets the minimum requirements set out in this document. In general, an acceptable BYOD would be one of the devices listed in the document referenced in the definition as part of this policy.
- **Minimum requirements:** The burden of proof for meeting minimum requirements rests with the student and their parents/guardians, the requestor. The final decision on whether your device meets our requirements is subject to the approval of Kerang Christian College.
- **Matching our requirements and your work needs:** BYOD capabilities and device profiles must match Kerang Christian College's requirements as well as the scenarios where you need to use a device for work/study. For example, if you are usually a

consumer of information when mobile, the profile of a tablet would be a good match. If you are a “creator” of information, a laptop or netbook profile would be a better match.

- **Authority:** You agree to provide limited authority over the device for the sole purpose of protecting Kerang Christian College data and access on the device. This authority includes permission to wipe the device in the event of loss or disposal. This may include personal data, address books and e-mail depending on the data classification of information locally stored, the device and whether an MDM tool is used. The authority is to remain in place from the time the device is registered until it is deregistered. You should also provide your device to the College for a manual check when you cease your BYOD use at the College. You may be present at the time the device is manually checked.
- **Network Access:** Students are not to access the Internet, while at school, through the use of Mobile Broadband (3G/4G etc.). This is prohibited usage.
- **Security:** You are responsible for ensuring that your personal device is adequately secured against loss, theft or use by persons not authorised to use the device. It is the responsibility of the students to ensure that the device is secured in a locked locker. Furthermore, students are responsible for ensuring that others do not know their password or locker code. Kerang Christian College will not be held responsible for any theft, loss or damage to any student’s property, including Kerang Christian College lease devices under their care. Students/Families are responsible for all repairs and warranty claims on all BYO Devices.
- **Support:** You are responsible for replacing, maintaining and arranging technical support for your BYOD. Kerang Christian College will only provide hardware, operating system or application support for the applications that the College has provided.
- **Access at Kerang Christian College’s discretion:** Access to Kerang Christian College’s systems and data is provided at the sole discretion of Kerang Christian College. Your access may be revoked at any time and for any reason.
- **Enforcement:** All breaches of this policy will be treated seriously. If you are found to have been in breach you may be subject to disciplinary action as per the College Behaviour Policy.

BYOD Minimum Requirements

The table below summarises Kerang Christian College's minimum requirements for BYOD. You should read this table with the explanatory text in the rest of this section.

Function	Minimum requirement
Configuration management	
Operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your device must use a legitimate operating system that meets the defined minimum standards (i.e. you may not use a 'jail broken' device).
Network authentication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minimum network authentication is subject to Kerang Christian College's requirements, e.g. students may be required to log-in in order to access network resources. Sophos must be installed on the device by our service provider.
Password protection/ User authentication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your device will support password authentication and automatic locking that must be used at all times.
Automatic device lock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your device must have the automatic lock enabled.
Device hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your device must have appropriate and up to date 'hygiene' solutions installed.
Lost and stolen devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your device is lost or stolen you must report the loss or theft immediately to your Head of School.
Mobile device disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any College data on your device will be removed from the device at the end of its use within the College environment.
Software licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating systems and applications running on or required by BYOD will be your sole responsibility as the device owner.
Security management	
Mobile device management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerang Christian College will conduct a risk assessment of the nature of services to be offered to mobile devices and specifically to BYOD. A risk assessment needs to be undertaken by the College to determine whether an MDM platform is required to meet its security requirements.
Service management	
BYOD authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your device is registered and used for BYOD, you agree to surrender limited authority over the device for the sole purpose of protecting College data and access on the device.
Mobile device application control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Kerang Christian College has implemented a MDM solution, it has the ability to push and remove our supplied applications from your device to enhance its security or manageability.
Device support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You and the device issuer are responsible for supporting your device.

Device Registration, Configuration and Management

- Your BYOD must be registered before connecting to any Kerang Christian College internal IT service.
- A limit will apply to the number of devices that can be registered by an individual user. The device must be registered by completing the BYOD Registration Form.
- You acknowledge that Kerang Christian College will directly and or remotely change security configurations of the device to protect Kerang Christian College data and software stored on the device. These changes may include but are not limited to:
 - Refusal to register a device that fails minimum requirements (outlined above) or that currently has installed banned software and services as defined by the College Leadership Team;
 - Configuring certain security settings;
 - Preventing the user from changing certain security settings;
 - Applying a log-in code with an acceptable level of complexity to enable secure access to the device;
 - Automatically locking the device after an inactive timeout period (you will need to re-enter the login code);
 - Installing software and digital certificates necessary to maintain security;
 - Encrypting data stored on the device;
 - Automatically wiping (either all code and data OR all College code and data) depending upon MDM, device capabilities and specific requirements from the device after a specific number of failed login attempts;
 - Should any Kerang Christian College configurations be removed that are required for proper use of the device with College systems, these will be re-applied or access to College systems, information and data will be prevented if the configurations cannot be maintained.
- You acknowledge that any Kerang Christian College data stored on the BYOD remains the sole property of Kerang Christian College and that you have an obligation to protect the security of the data.
- You acknowledge that Kerang Christian College has a right to inspect College data held on your personal BYOD.
- You understand that Kerang Christian College may remotely monitor your device to ensure security and software configurations are maintained.
- You will not be prevented from installing the software or applications of your choice on your device at home; however, you may be blocked from specific websites or running specific programs while connected to the College IT services. Kerang Christian College may block your access to internal IT services if any software/ applications/ data present a threat to Kerang Christian College IT services, information or data, or is a threat to the overall culture of the College.

Device Usage, Support and Costs

- The service and its use are at your sole discretion and risk.
- Kerang Christian College does not impose a charge on you for registering your device.
- You are responsible for supporting your device. Kerang Christian College will only provide support for the applications the College has provided.

Support	BYOD
Physical provisioning	Device owner
Replacement of defective/damaged device	Device owner
Operating system support including licensing	Device owner
Application support of device including licensing	Device owner
College provided/ supported mobile applications	The College
College provided/ supported client applications	The College
Device connectivity / access	BYOD
Mobile internet	Device owner
Home internet / broadband	Device owner
VPN client	The College
College wireless	The College

- Kerang Christian College is not responsible for any costs incurred by your use of your BYOD. Kerang Christian College will not reimburse any voice or data charges, software or application acquisition fees, support or insurance costs associated with your device.
- Kerang Christian College is not responsible for any inconvenience that you may experience in connection with using Kerang Christian College internal IT services on your BYOD.
- You have sole responsibility for ensuring no other person has access to Kerang Christian College software or data stored on your BYOD.
- Kerang Christian College will not monitor the web browser history on your BYOD when not connected to College network(s).
- Kerang Christian College may restrict access to internet websites, services or other elements for operational or policy reasons while your BYOD is connected to College networks including either wireless or cabled connections.

- Kerang Christian College may monitor your use of your BYOD while it is connected to College network. This information is collected and archived and may be subject to external access.
- You are responsible for abiding by all licence terms and conditions applicable to any software, apps, data or information provided by Kerang Christian College to your BYOD.
- You acknowledge that your use of a BYOD may involve Kerang Christian College:
 - Preventing you from accessing College internal IT services
 - Locking your device
 - Wiping personal data from your device in accordance with the following circumstances:
 - Your BYOD is reported as being lost/stolen to Kerang Christian College.
 - You cease enrolment at Kerang Christian College.
 - There is a suspected security breach, examples include but are not limited to, modification of the device's operating system, breaching College policies, or detection of viruses or malware on the device
 - Kerang Christian College may lock your device to prevent access to College information or data.
 - Preventing your device from connecting to College internal IT services.
 - Applying either a full or selective wipe of your BYOD.
 - Applying a manual selective wipe of your BYOD.
- While Kerang Christian College will make all reasonable effort to ensure service is available the College does not guarantee that access to College internal IT services, information or data will be available at all times.
- If your BYOD is lost or stolen, you are responsible for reporting the event as soon as practicable to the appropriate Head of School.

Protection of College data on your BYOD

- You should take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of losing your personal data.
- You are responsible for backing up and restoring the data and configuration settings of your BYOD. Personal data is not to be backed up to or stored by Kerang Christian College. Kerang Christian College is not responsible for any personal loss or damage you may suffer by actions undertaken by the College to protect College data stored on your BYOD.

Device Deregistration

- Kerang Christian College at its own discretion, may deregister any BYOD at any time without warning.
- Kerang Christian College may deregister a BYOD that has not consumed College internal IT services for more than 10 weeks.
- The device must be de-registered in accordance with College BYOD requirements.
- You acknowledge that by deregistering your BYOD:

- You will need to present your BYOD to the College Office for inspection and removal of all College data, applications and security controls.
- You will no longer be able to connect to Kerang Christian College internal IT systems and data, unless the device is re-registered.
- You are encouraged to remove any personal data if you are intending to dispose of your BYOD. If you intend to sell or gift the device to another person you should ensure that it is wiped.

Expectations

Parents and guardians are expected to discuss College and community expectations and appropriate electronic device usage and etiquette with their child. Of particular concern is the use of a camera on a phone; such usage generally breaches privacy laws and can often be used in harassment of other students, both during and outside College hours.

Direct contact by parents/guardians with students via a mobile phone disrupts classes, and often leads to students inadvertently breaking college rules and procedures. If parents/carers need to contact their child for any reason, they should speak to their child's Home Group teacher or contact the Office.

Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against any student who:

- refuses to follow an instruction relating to use of an electronic device;
- photographs, films or records in any manner other individuals without their permission or in a manner deemed to be inappropriate,
- uploads, downloads or displays inappropriate material of a pornographic, racist or violent nature
- sends harassing or threatening text (sms) or multimedia (mms) messages.
- Communicates harassing or threatening messages through the use of social media or other means electronically.

Inappropriate recording or transmission / uploading of images by students will lead to serious consequences and possible referral to outside authorities, including police. Staff have the responsibility of clarifying and enforcing College expectations, and modelling appropriate behaviours.

Accepted Device Types

Minimum system specifications for the College BYOD program are driven by curricular objectives from across our classes. Our vision is that Kerang Christian College students acquire the skills necessary to select and manage digital tools that will empower them in all phases of the learning process including research, problem solving, content creation, communication and collaboration. Students and families may already have a device that meets these requirements, may upgrade a current device to meet these requirements or may purchase a new device to meet these requirements.

	Minimum	Optimum
Keyboard/ Mouse	Full size physical keyboard Touch pad	Full size physical keyboard Touch pad
Storage Capacity	128 GB hard drive	> 128 GB hard drive
Operating System	Windows 10 or higher	Windows 10 or higher
Minimum Battery Life	4 hours	6 hours
Recommended Accessories	Protective case/ cover	Protective case/ cover
RAM	4GB	8GB
Processing Power	i5 chipset	i7 chipset
Connectivity	Wireless 802.11n or better	

Suggested Devices from our Service Provider: KCC will provide a list of recommended devices that suit the network most effectively.

Note:

- Devices not meeting these minimum specifications include smartphones, tablets, eReaders, and Chrome Tablets, (for example: Kindle, Kindle Fire, Nook). The Windows Surface Pro tablet does meet our minimum specifications, but the Surface RT does not.
- Students are to ensure that their BYO Device is fully charged for the commencement of each school day.
- Due to the rapidly changing nature of technology, this policy will be subject to ongoing review in the interests of ensuring that technologies are harnessed to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for students at Kerang Christian College.

Communication

These guidelines will be published in college handbooks and in the newsletter, and will be reinforced by college staff on commencement of classes and as required.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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BYOD Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is the BYOD initiative?

A As its name suggests, the Bring Your Own Device or 'BYOD' initiative allows students to use their own electronic devices for learning purposes. The aim of the initiative is to allow students to access Kerang Christian College's systems and data while ensuring that systems and data are protected from unauthorised access, use or disclosure.

Q What are the benefits of taking up the BYOD option?

A Using your own device will allow you greater choice and control over the technology you use. You will have more opportunities to customise and personalise your device and study practices.

Q How will BYOD transform the learning environment?

A The BYOD policy will increase the flexibility and mobility of student learning at the College. It will empower students by offering more choice about where and how they choose to learn. Especially as we move to an online learning management system, students will be able to maximize their own learning.

Q How do I register for BYOD?

A Your first step should be to review and accept the terms of the BYOD Policy. The BYOD Policy sets out the device requirements and terms of use that you must adhere to while using your personal electronic device as a BYOD.

Q How do I know that my device is acceptable for BYOD?

A The BYOD Policy has a list of Minimum and Optimum requirements for devices. Contact the Business Manager to discuss the best option for a device.

Q What should I do to protect my device from unauthorised intrusion?

A Your device should have anti-virus, anti-spam, anti-spyware or another security solution installed for use at home. While at school, you will be protected by Sophos, our firewall. You should also ensure that your device is stored in a safe location when you are not using it and that it is password-protected.

Q What happens if my device is lost or damaged?

A If your device is lost or stolen, you must de-register it as soon as possible to prevent unauthorised access to College information. Please see the College Office for assistance.

Q Who is responsible for maintenance and updates of the BYO devices?

A All maintenance for the hardware device, operating system, software and/or apps purchased by the family/student is the responsibility of the family/student. Families/students should ensure a quick maintenance turnaround for any student devices issues.

Q Is there any cost to register my device?

A No, Kerang Christian College does not impose any cost upon you for registering.

Q How many devices can I register?

A Kerang Christian College restricts registration to one device A phone or a tablet cannot be registered as an electronic device for learning purposes.

Q Will the College provide any technical support?

A Devices are supported by their owner/issuer. It is your responsibility to support your device. Kerang Christian College will not provide hardware, operating system or application support other than for applications they have provided.

Q What if I don't comply the terms of the BYOD policy?

A Any breach of the BYOD policy will be treated seriously. If you are found to be in breach you may be subject to disciplinary action as per the Behaviour Policy.