

Ulladulla High School BYOD Requirements



BYOD - Bring Your Own Device

What is BYOD?

Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student's family), staff or guest. **Laptop computers** are the UHS preferred devices for all students as they have the capability to run most software programs required at school.

Why is UHS a BYOD school?

It is widely acknowledged that technology plays a huge role in students' everyday lives and should, therefore, be an integral part of their learning. At UHS, classrooms are embedded with the BYOD initiative to encourage our 21st Century students to build their capacity to become active, collaborative, and self-motivated global learners.

What device do students need to bring?

If your child already has a laptop, we encourage them to bring it to school. However, if you are looking at purchasing a new device, we strongly encourage that a laptop is purchased as it has more functionality than a tablet.

Which brand should I purchase?

UHS is not recommending any device to be purchased. For more information on device requirements, please scan the QR Code or visit the schools website:

<https://ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/what-we-offer/our-technology/bring-your-own-device-byod>



Can I borrow a device from the school?

At UHS, we understand that purchasing a device may place financial pressures on some families. The school is here to assist and support all students. If your child needs to borrow a device for a short or long period, please complete the form attached on the QR Code and return it to UHS Front Office.

What else do I need to consider?

Students are responsible for their own property and the respect of others' property. It is highly recommended that all devices are stored in a strong case which will provide protection in your child's school bag.



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Students must read and sign the BYOD Student Agreement in the company of a parent or caregiver unless otherwise directed by the principal.

I agree that I will abide by the school's BYOD policy and that:

- ☐ I will use the department's Wi-Fi network for learning.
- ☐ I will use my device during school activities at the direction of the teacher.
- ☐ I will not attach any school-owned equipment to my mobile device without the permission of the school.
- ☐ I will use my own portal/internet log-in details and will never share them with others.
- ☐ I will stay safe by not giving my personal information to strangers.
- ☐ I will not hack or bypass any hardware and software security implemented by the department or my school.
- ☐ I will not use my own device to knowingly search for, link to, access or send anything that is:
 - offensive
 - pornographic
 - threatening
 - abusive or
 - defamatory
 - considered to be bullying.

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- ☐ I will report inappropriate behaviour and inappropriate material to my teacher.
- ☐ I will take full responsibility for the web content accessed via a personal hotspot or VPN and understand that these methods are not filtered by the school.
- ☐ I understand that my activity on the internet is recorded and that these records may be used in investigations, court proceedings or for other legal reasons.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the school cannot be held responsible for any damage to, or theft of my device.
- ☐ I understand and have read the limitations of the manufacturer's warranty on my device, both in duration and in coverage.
- ☐ I have read the BYOD Student Responsibilities document and agree to comply with the requirements.
- ☐ I have reviewed the BYOD Device Requirements document and have ensured my device meets the minimum outlined specifications.
- ☐ I have read and will abide by the NSW Department of Education and Communities' *Online Communication Services – Acceptable Usage for School Students*.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Student name

in the presence of: _____
Parent/caregiver name

Student signature

Parent/caregiver signature

Once completed, please return to the TSO to be recorded

**Please note: All students must retain the BYOD requirements and
Responsibilities for reference**

BYOD Device Requirements

Wireless connectivity:

High schools: The department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. Devices that support 802.11n or newer (such as 802.11ac and 802.11ax) will be able to connect. Devices that do not support at least 802.11n will not be able to connect.

Primary schools: The department's Wi-Fi network installed in primary schools operates on the **802.11n 5Ghz standard**. Devices that do not support this standard will not be able to connect.

Note: There may be some variation to this standard in primary schools. The IT delegate in the school will be able to provide details.

Operating system:

The current or prior version of any operating system.

Software and apps:

School-based requirements. All software and apps should be fully updated.

Battery life:

A minimum of 5hrs battery life to last the school day.

Memory and RAM:

A minimum specification of 256 GB storage and 4 GB RAM *to process and store data effectively*.

Hardware features:

Camera and microphone.

Ergonomics:

Reasonable sized screen and a sturdy keyboard *to enable continuous use throughout the day*.

Other considerations

Casing: Tough and sturdy to avoid breakage.

Weight: Lightweight for ease of carrying.

Durability: Durable and strong.

Accessories

Carry case: Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device.

Insurance and warranty: Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

Back-up storage: Consider a portable hard drive as an appropriate source of back-up storage for essential documents.

BYOD Student Responsibilities

Operating system and anti-virus:

Students must ensure they have a legal and licensed version of a supported operating system and of software. If applicable, students' devices must be equipped with anti-virus software.

NSW Department of Education and Communities' Wi-Fi network connection only:

Student devices are only permitted to connect to the department's Wi-Fi network while at school. There is no cost for this service.

Battery life and charging:

Students must ensure they bring their device to school fully charged for the entire school day. *No charging equipment will be supplied by the school.*

Theft and damage:

Students are responsible for securing and protecting their devices at school. *Any loss or damage to a device is not the responsibility of the school or the Department.*

Confiscation:

Students' devices may be confiscated if the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data which breaches the BYOD Student Agreement.

Maintenance and support:

Students are solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their devices.

Ergonomics:

Students should ensure they are comfortable using their device during the school day particularly in relation to screen size, sturdy keyboard etc.

Data back-up:

Students are responsible for backing-up their own data and should ensure this is done regularly.

Insurance/warranty:

Students and their parents/caregivers are responsible for arranging their own insurance and should be aware of the warranty conditions for the device.