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.

BYOD Device Requirements

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.