HVGS Technology – Personal Learning Devices (2016)

The School’s Learn Anywhere Program (1:1) aims to improve student learning experiences both inside and outside the HVGS classroom. The program allows the use of a learning device for all students in Years 7-12.

There are 2 options for the 1:1 Program at HVGS for new students in Years 7 – 12 (2016)

1. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
2. Assisted BYOD with HVGS

1. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) option

As of 2015, families not wishing to participate in the device program being offered by the school, may purchase their own device for their son/daughter and the school will allow this device to be brought to school. This device can then be used as their learning device during lessons. Careful consideration needs to be given to the requirements of the School for this to be successful.

a) The minimum HARDWARE requirements of the device:
   • At least 7 hours of battery life (NO CHARGING OPTIONS available at school)
   • Keyboard available
   • Devices must support 5Ghz dual band wireless (NO WiFi dongle)
   • Storage Options (min 16GB Local + SD Card slot or USB port for external storage)
   • Screen size – 10 inches or greater (this excludes iPads)

b) The minimum SOFTWARE requirements of the device:
   • Windows or MacOS X (this excludes iPads/Chromebooks and Android Devices)
   • Minimum: MS Office 2010 including OneNote (*Office 365 will be available FREE through the school – more info to follow)
   • Latest version of the Operating System and latest browser and updates

Students and their parents/carers must complete and return a signed HVGS BYOD Agreement prior to bringing in the device or connecting to the school’s network. The school will provide internet access for the approved devices.

Under the BYOD arrangements, the School accepts NO responsibility at all for repairs, maintenance or replacement of devices. This is entirely the responsibility of the family.
Students who bring their own devices onto school sites do so at their own risk. The school will not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student’s device. Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices including backup, data protection and battery charging.

2. Assisted BYOD with HVGS.

Students and their parents/carers may purchase approved devices through the HVGS portals at LWT (Learning with Technologies) and Harvey Norman. Please see our school website for links. These purchases must include an on-site warranty if you would like the school to assist with warranty issues. Please note that for LWT in this scenario “on-site” is at HVGS. There is also an optional insurance available to protect against accidental damage, accidental loss or theft. This will need to be selected at purchase.

Under this arrangement, the School will assist with warranty issues.

Students and their parents/carers must still complete and return a signed HVGS BYOD Agreement prior to bringing in the device or connecting to the school’s network. The school will provide internet access for the approved devices.

HVGS is providing this opportunity on the expectation that students will make wise decisions with regard to their personal use of the technology. Use of any devices in lessons is determined by the classroom teacher. Students are required to follow all teacher instructions regarding the use of devices.

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