

BYOD @ Maidstone Intermediate School

Maidstone Intermediate is a “Bring Your Own Device” school. This means students may bring a device to school and connect it to our Wifi network for use during class instruction under the guidance of a teacher. Teachers endeavour to integrate digital activities into the class programme where appropriate.

What type of device is best?

Students may bring any device that best suits their interest and ability although it must have screen size of no less than 20cm. From experience we recommend a Chromebook as most suitable. Mobile phones are not considered a suitable BYOD device.

Security

All classrooms have a lockable space for students to store their device when not in use. Each student is expected to “sign” their device in and out each day as part of our safety requirements. The school accepts no liability for any device at any time so please check with your insurance company as to whether the device is covered by your contents insurance policy.

Each device, should come to school in a custom case/cover or bag.

The school has no facility for battery charging so we recommend fully charging your device before bringing it to school each day. Power adaptors should be left at home.

Unless under the direct supervision of a teacher devices will not be used at interval and lunch.

Social Media

We remind parents that it is their responsibility to monitor young people’s activity on social media. We discourage any student from creating accounts on social media for which there are age restrictions. If you have concerns regarding social media and its use, contact your child’s classroom teacher who will be able to advise appropriate action. The school actively blocks many of the more well-known social media sites as they come to our attention.

On the first day

The first few days of school are extremely busy. We suggest your child leaves their device at home until their home room teacher tells them to bring it to school. No child will need a device on day one, this includes Year 8 students. Teachers will discuss “do’s and don’ts” with their classes over the first few days of term including screen sharing only and procedures for signing devices in and out.

Google Docs

Our school provides access for all students and staff to the Google Apps for Education suite of products. This includes Gmail. Our internet supplier provides a modest level of cyber protection by blocking inappropriate content and key word email filtering.