MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT IS BYOD

BYOD (Bring your Own Device) is a program being run at Melrose High School that allows students to bring a device in from home to be used in their classes.

ADVANTAGES OF BYOD

Using a device that meets the following specifications means that:

- Students will have access to a device that they can take home with them

- The device will be familiar to the staff

- It will be easily connected to school WI-FI

- They will be able to access their files anywhere at anytime

DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

- **Wireless connectivity** — device should support either 802.11ac or 802.11abgn Wi-Fi

- **Screen size** — At least 10 inches diagonally

- **Memory** — 2GB of RAM & there is no minimum of internal storage

- **Battery life** — Battery should last 6 hours without charging

- **External keyboard essential**

- **USB capability preferred**

SOFTWARE AND APPLICATIONS

Suggested software and Operating Systems:

- Windows 7 or above

- Chrome OS Version 52 or above

- MAC OSX Version 10.10 Yosemite or above

- Android Version 4.1 Jelly Bean or above

- Apple IOS version 6 or above

- Google Chrome web browser

- Antivirus software

GENERAL INFOMATION

Parents can purchase any device (excluding a mobile phone) for their child, however if it does not meet the minimum requirements listed on the previous page the device may not function as desired in the school environment.

STUDENT AND FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

Students and parents must ensure that their devices are safe and secure at all time, as the school is not liable for lost, damaged or stolen devices. It is also the students responsibility to ensure that they bring their device fully charged to school each day. Hiring a locker is recommended.

MISUSE OF DEVICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All internet access at Melrose High School is filtered and students are prohibited from connecting to a non-school network while at school. Students must comply with the Education Directorate and School policies while at school and while connected to the wireless network.

Students must not create, transmit, retransmit or participate in the circulation of content on their devices that attempts to undermine, hack or bypass any hardware or software security mechanisms that have been implemented by Melrose High School.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Other things to take into consideration include a carrying case, a USB mouse or the devices weight. Some school bags may have a space specifically for a device, if not then you may have to purchase a case for your device. In the case of a laptop this would most likely be a bag but with a tablet this could be a sleeve to protect it while in a bag, or a case that doubles as a stand. The devices weight should be taken into consideration as their school bag can be quite heavy as is. Try to aim for a device that weights two kilograms or less. An external USB mouse can make using a non-touch screen device much more intuitive and as such may prove a beneficial purchase.

INSURANCE

Students are responsible for the care of their device while at school, we recommend that you check your insurance policies to ensure it covers devices away from home and what you may be liable for in the case of damage to your device.