



Moreton Bay Boys' College eLearning Frequently Asked Questions

Will my child use their device all the time?

No. These technologies are tools for learning that will be used along with all the other tools available at school and home (e.g. pen, paper, calculators, books, computers etc).

Will children use their devices before school or during breaks?

Before school and during breaks, Primary School students put their iPad in the classroom, and Secondary School students place their laptops in their lockers. During these times, students may use their devices in the library, or under the supervision of a teacher, for education purposes.

How will the device be stored at school?

Primary School students will store their iPad in the classroom. Secondary School students will have lockers to store their laptops in when not in use.

Do you have advice about online safety?

MBBC has an extensive program on eSafety and Digital Citizenship. This program includes:

- Information nights for parents entering the BYOD program;
- A BYOD Parent Survival Guide with tips on navigating the digital world with your children;
- Regular Newsletter articles addressing contemporary eSafety issues;
- Integrated Digital Citizenship education for all year levels;
- The Big Brother program for anonymous reporting of eSafety concerns.
- Annual eSafety presenters.

What are my child's responsibilities with respect to using their own device at school?

Each student and parent will be asked to sign a responsible user agreement (RUA) which will outline the responsibilities of using the device at home and at school.

This agreement will include but is not limited to:

1. I am responsible for the safekeeping of my device and take full responsibility if the device is lost or stolen while at school.
2. I will treat my device carefully and respectfully and take full responsibility if it is damaged while at school.
3. I will store my device safely in my desk or in my locker when not in use.
4. I will only use the device with the permission of my teacher.
5. Moreton Bay Boys' College will not be held responsible for the device if it is damaged, lost or stolen.

Why have we chosen iPads as the device in Junior School?

MBBC has selected iPads for students in the Primary School for these reasons:

- Battery life: iPads have excellent battery life and should last all day without charging;
- Portability: iPads are light and compact and will fit easily in student backpacks without adding significant weight or bulk;
- Apps: iTunes offers thousands of apps for students in the education category and most are free;
- Availability: iPads are readily available, they can be easily repaired locally and many of our students already have one at home;
- Productivity: iPads will allow students to communicate, collaborate, research, write, publish, make movies, draw, read and practice their math skills.

Why have we chosen to use a laptop in the Secondary School?

When students begin Secondary School, the amount of writing, typing and Internet research they need to do rises dramatically. While iPads can do most things students will need to do in Secondary School, a laptop will be more conducive to typing, accessing flash-based sites for Mathematics and analysing and graphing data in Science.

What if my child forgets to bring their device to school, or the battery runs flat?

The Student Responsible Use Agreement (RUA) states that it is the student's responsibility to remember their device, and also have it fully charged when they bring it to school. Most 1:1 schools have found this is not a significant problem, and all BYOD devices are expected to have a minimum battery life of 8 hours. However, if your son's device should run out of charge, the library has a charging station along with a limited number of devices that can be borrowed.

Should I know my child's password / passcode?

You wouldn't put a lock on your child's room and give them the only key, it is much the same for passwords. It's important that you have executive control of the device, even if it is a gift or your child used their own money to pay for it.

Should I be concerned about overuse of technology?

All things, no matter how good, can be used excessively and this may lead to problems: food (obesity), exercise (exhaustion or injury), reading (eye strain) and technology. In all things, therefore, moderation in use is important and mobile technology is no different. What that balance is will change from family to family. College parents have access to the BYOD Parent Survival Guide with resources on establishing a healthy media diet and tools to monitor and enforce it.