

Technology Policy

Aim

Provide clear guidelines for students, staff and parents regarding the safe and appropriate use of technology at School.

Application

This policy applies to teachers and students at the School.

School Liability Statement

Students bring their devices to use at Homebush Boys High School at their own risk. Students are required to act responsibly concerning their own device, keeping it up to date and secure.

Homebush Boys High School is in no way responsible for:

- ❖ Personal devices that are broken travelling to and from school, within school, during sport or during school-sponsored activities
- ❖ Personal devices that are lost or stolen travelling to and from school, within school, during sport or during school-sponsored activities
- ❖ Maintenance or upkeep of any device (keeping it charged, installing updates or upgrades, fixing any software or hardware issues).

Technology at School

BYOD

BYOD (Bring your own Device) is a **compulsory policy** at Homebush Boys High School to assist the teaching and learning of our students. All students are required to bring their devices charged and ready for use every day. Students are required to display courtesy, consideration and respect for others when using laptops or tablets.

Purpose

We aim to:

- ❖ Ensure students are in a paperless workplace
- ❖ Provide a cost-effective solution which is environmentally friendly
- ❖ Increase Efficiency
 - Allows for lesson delivery when teacher is absent
 - Students can easily access work when absent
- ❖ Consistently access online resources including
 - Textbooks
 - Web 2.0 tools (Moodle, Google Docs, Edmodo...)

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Device Requirements

Please refer to the BYOD policy on the school website for details:

<http://web3.homebushbo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/technology/byod-at-hbhs>

Mobile Phones & Non-Education Electronic Devices

Mobiles phones and other non-educational electronic devices are **banned** within the school premises, this includes classrooms, playgrounds and corridors. Prior to entering the school grounds all Mobile Phones and Non-Educational Electronic devices must be switched off and out of sight. This includes all wired and wireless headphones and speakers. Medical exceptions may apply through school approved application.

Purpose

Mobiles are detrimental for the following reasons:

- ❖ Disrupting the learning environment
- ❖ Invasion of privacy through misuse of pictures/videos/voice recording
- ❖ Issues revolving around cyber bullying (harass, threaten, abuse, vilify or embarrass other students or staff)
- ❖ Prolonged use proven to have negative impact on physical and mental health

Emergency Contact

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school because of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent immediately to the student. If a student needs to make an emergency contact with anyone, they can do so through the school's main office.