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Fitzgerald State School One-to-One BYOD Laptop Program for Year 5 & 6 Students 2027

Dear Parents,

Our school prides itself on preparing students for the digital age. As part of this commitment, all students in Year 5 and Year 6 will participate in a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) One-to-One Laptop Program in 2027.

This program continues the BYOD initiative currently in place. The BYOD program, as defined by the Department of Education, refers to teaching and learning environments in Queensland State Schools where personally owned mobile devices are used to access the department's information and communication (ICT) network.
At Fitzgerald State School, digital devices refer specifically to laptops to ensure consistency in teaching and learning across our primary setting.

The following information provides an overview and expectations of the program:

- The laptop must meet the Fitzgerald State School system specifications (attached) before it can be accepted into the program.
- Apple Mac, Chromebook and other devices listed under "Not Supported" are not compatible and cannot be used at school.
- Windows laptops are the designated devices, as they are best suited to the curriculum and school software.
- Laptops older than three years are unlikely to perform adequately on the school network and may disadvantage your child's learning.
- The BYOD laptop can continue to be used as your child transitions to high school.
- Laptops currently used by Year 5 students will remain suitable for Year 6 in 2027.

Student responsibilities:
Students are responsible for the care, management and troubleshooting of their laptop. Laptops must arrive fully charged each day, and families must provide a protective laptop bag designed for transport. Families are also responsible for arranging insurance / warranty for their child's device.

If you have concerns about the program due to financial hardship, please contact Mrs Tracey Adams, Principal, to discuss possible support options.

All supporting information is available on the school website. A *BYOD Pre-Setup Guide* will be shared later in the year. BYOD Intune enrolment details and passwords will be provided at the start of term 1, 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 49 656 333.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT

The following devices & operating software are **NOT SUPPORTED**:

- ✕ **Android devices Google**
- ✕ **Linux**
- ✕ **Chromebook**
- ✕ **Apple macOS & iPad iOS**

Windows laptops are the designated devices, as they are best suited to the Queensland curriculum and school software.

SPECIFICATION	DETAIL
Processor	3.5Ghz or high
RAM	8GB or higher
Screen Size	Between 10" & 16" (14" or 15" preferred)
Wireless	5GHz (g/b/n/ac)
Storage	256GB SSD or higher
Battery Life	6 + hours
Operating System	Windows 11 Home or higher, running all latest updates.
Anti-virus Software	**MANDATORY**
Protection	A protective case and accidental damage protection / warranty are recommended

*** Please note that some specialist technology subjects in high school require higher specifications. Please contact the high school if considering this during the life of the laptop.*

Enrolment of your student's BYOD laptop to the Fitzgerald State School network will begin at the start of the 2027 school year. This process is scheduled for Term 1 as students are issued new passwords at the beginning of each year.

At the beginning of Term 1, 2027 all Year 5 and 6 students will receive:

➜Their EQ username, email and password

➜Intune BYOD enrolment instructions

➜The 2027 Fitzgerald State School Student Laptop Charter

Fitzgerald State School uses Microsoft Intune, a secure mobile device management system that allows personal devices to safely access school Wi-Fi, email, learning applications, and websites.

There is no cost for students to use Microsoft Intune or Microsoft Office 365. Any additional software required for classroom learning and assessment will be provided and managed by the school.

Please note:*Antivirus software is not included. It is your responsibility to ensure your child's laptop has up-to-date antivirus protection. Devices without antivirus software will not be permitted to connect to the school network.*

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What can school staff see and not see on my student's device?

What the school administration (Intune) can see on the device	What the school administration (Intune) cannot see on the device
Your school can only see information that is relevant to the school: • Device owner • Device name • Device model • Device manufacturer • Operating system and version eg: iOS 16 or Windows 11 • App inventory and App names, like Microsoft Office 365 • On student and staff's personal devices the school can only see school managed Apps • Device serial number and IMEI	Your school does not monitor student's use of the device • Cannot see your child's personal information • Cannot see what your child is doing on their device • Does not track student's locations / device location • Does not provide information on personally installed applications • Does not allow uninstalling of any applications including your child's own applications • Home Network cannot be seen • Calling and web browsing history • Email and text messages • Contacts • Calendars • Passwords • Pictures, including what's in the photo app or camera roll • Files

Fitzgerald State School's IT Officer can assist if you experience problems when enrolling your student's BYOD laptop or any further questions. To get in touch with the IT Officer call Fitzgerald State School 07) 49 656 333 or email office@fitzgeraldss.eq.edu.au