



Torquay College 1:1 Netbook Program Policy

Rationale

Torquay College's approach to teaching and learning emphasises a learning experience that actively engages our students.

The introduction of a netbook program was guided by a trial program from the State Government in 2009. Torquay College is committed to, and continues with, the program for students in years 4-6.

The Torquay College community has supported the netbook program from its inception in 2009. The support has most families opting to purchase a device for the learning needs of their children. Torquay College has further supported families to enter the Digi Learn program by offering flexible options to ensure all students in years 4-6 can access the 1:1 Digital Learning program.

The flexibility of a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Netbook program enhances teaching and learning by:

- Ensuring that technology is available to support student learning in every lesson.
- Allowing teachers to incorporate subject specific software whenever appropriate.
- Providing students with instant access to photos, music, podcasts and wikis.
- Allowing more student-centred learning.
- Allowing students to research, write, edit and publish work.
- Promoting greater communication and feedback between students and teachers.
- Increasing student motivation and engagement.

Research has shown that students provided with their own personal device, compared to those without:

- Spend more time involved in collaborative work.
- Participate in more project-based instruction.
- Produce writing of a higher quality and greater length.
- Have increased access to information.
- Improve their research analysis skills.
- Direct their own learning.
- Report a greater reliance on active learning strategies.
- Readily engage in problem solving and critical thinking.
- Consistently show deeper and more flexible uses of technology.

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Digital Learning Outcomes

Explore

Students will utilise technology to create digital content that supports and encourages growth in their learning. By leveraging creativity, students will build upon their curiosity through exploration.

Relate

The power of collaborative engagement and networking with others will be encouraged to ensure as a school we develop skills transferable between multiple areas of life and industry.

Design

Students will plan and design through an approach which utilises the technology available to benefit themselves and others. Student thinking, planning and reflecting upon their learning allows for adjustments and improvements to be made with better learning opportunities.

Deliver

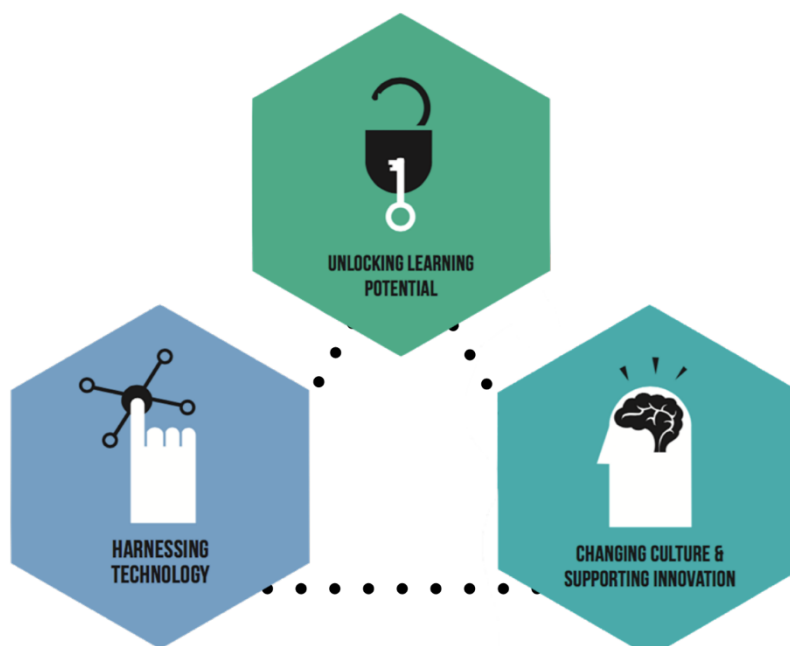
Through a highly effective use of technology available, students will use their knowledge, skills and innovative approaches to apply what they know and learn towards project focused inquiry units.

Share

Students will collaborate, share and communicate their findings with the school. Presentations and videos will be published in the school for staff and students to engage with.

Ensuring Success

At Torquay College, student learning will not solely improve their learning outcomes due to technology adoption. It is about advancing our students as learners and individuals to ensure they are developing associated skills that will contribute to society in a meaningful and positive way.





Implementation

Netbook Options:

1. BYOD Torquay College Specified Device (Parent/Student owned)
2. BYOD Non-specified Device (Parent/Student owned)
3. Device Hire where eligible (Torquay College owned, solely assigned to student for 1 year)
4. Access to School Shared Device (Torquay College owned shared devices)

Any questions should be addressed to the school and clarification obtained before this agreement is signed.

Device Options Summary

Option 1: BYOD Torquay College Specified Device (Parent/Student owned)

The Torquay College Specified Devices are chosen by Torquay College to fit the learning needs of the students in the classroom. The devices will have appropriate warranty coverage to last the full term of the program while at Torquay College.

Purchasing Torquay College specified device gives you the following technical support:

- Managed installation and support of DET provided EduSTAR software.
- Managed installation and support of school based software.
- Managed installation and support of the operating system.
- Managed updates to the operating system and software.
- Managed Antivirus updates.
- Managed repairs through warranty suppliers on your behalf.
- Managed onsite warranty at Torquay College.
- Prompt/quick turnaround repairs to reduce impact to students' learning.

The device remains the property of the Parent/Carer.

Option 2: BYOD Non-specified Device (Parent/Student owned)

Under the following specifications you may bring your own 'Similar and Suitable' device to the College. The device must have minimum specifications to join the BYOD non-specified Device program:

- The minimum requirements will be reviewed over the course of the program to ensure the devices can maintain the desired learning outcomes.
- The IT Manager will advise suitability of device to meet Torquay College requirements.



Once your BYOD device has been approved as 'Similar and Suitable' and satisfies the requirements listed, Torquay College will supply the following:

- Access to the EduSTAR catalogue including Office 365 and other DET recommended software.
- Access to wireless within the school.
- Access to printing and file storage.
- Access to DET EduSTAR Image.

Under the following specifications you may bring your own 'Similar and Suitable' device to the College. The 2021 device must have the following minimum specifications to join the BYOD Non-specified Device program:

- 4GB Ram.
- 128GB SSD
- At least 11.6" Screen up to 14".
- Can support Windows 10 64 Bit.
- Current and maintained anti-virus software.
- Covered by warranty.
- Only one device per student - not interchangeable throughout the year.
- Less than 3 years old.

The device remains the property of the Parent/Carer.

Option 3: Device Hire, where eligible (Torquay College owned, solely assigned to student for 1 year)

Torquay College Hire Devices are chosen to fit the learning needs of the students in the classroom.

- The device is fully owned by Torquay College and will be solely used by your child for the full year.
- Your child will be able to take home the device between Monday and Friday for learning.
- A hire fee is forwarded to parents/carers, this includes insurance.
- The device has appropriate warranty coverage.
- The device is managed by Torquay College.

This option is determined on an individual needs basis and is subject to parents/carers eligibility to CSEF, Health Care card and other similar services.

Students enrolling into Torquay College for a period less than 18 months may be eligible.

Eligibility is at the discretion of the Principal of Torquay College. An appointment with the Principal or IT Manager is required to discuss this option.



Option 4: Access to School Device (Torquay College owned shared devices)

Students will have access to a device for the activities that require ICT at the ratio as per by DET guidelines. These devices will be owned by Torquay College and stored in a central location for shared use across the college. Devices are not to be taken home.

Eligibility is at the discretion of the Principal of Torquay College. An appointment with the Principal or IT Manager is required to discuss this option.

Outcome

Torquay College has seen the positive outcomes from our students in the way they learn with the 1:1 BYOD program.

We will continue to transform the use of technology for the benefits of learning and student growth.

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