

BYOD, Managing Homework & Equipment

There are many things to learn about Gosford High! An important part of the learning process at this school includes devices, homework and class room equipment.

BYOD!

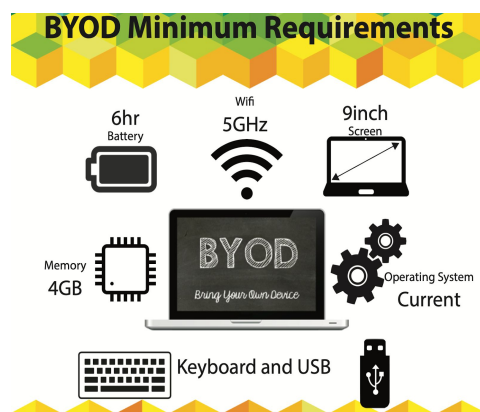
By Jasmin Gilmore

Yr 7 at GHS.

Starting high school means using technology in a meaningful and engaging way. You won't need a device in every subject, and you might not even use it every day, but it's really useful to have access to one for times when you need to research or complete activities online. Now don't panic and rush out to buy the latest and greatest laptop! If you already have a device at home, check the specifications to see if it matches GHS minimum requirements:

Device Specifications	
Model categories	Laptop, Netbook or Windows Tablet
Operating System	Current for that device
Processor	Dual core Intel
Memory	4GB min
Wireless Compatibility	Must have 5GHz wireless connectivity
Battery Life	6 hrs (must last the whole school day without recharge)
Storage	500 GB hard drive (unless tablet device)
Protective casing	Preferred (damage at school is the responsibility of the device owner)
Additional specifications	USB port (allows offline transfer of information, and backup) Backup Media e.g. USB flash drive Keyboard

Note: iPads and Chromebooks do not reliably connect to the school network and as such are NOT currently recommended.



If you don't already have a suitable device, you're not ready to purchase one or simply don't want to bring one to school- DON'T PANIC! there are also four computer rooms

located around the school, our library is equipped with computers and you can even borrow a laptop for the day from the library!

MANAGING HOMEWORK!

By Matilda Kaeser

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When getting homework and assessments it can be hard and even stressful sometimes. To be able to cope with these things you have to be organised and prepared. For me personally I try to leave a few hours a night to get everything I need done. I get home at four so from 4-5.30pm to work on homework. This depends on what you have on each day, but I personally try to allocate time just to make it easier to be organised. When getting homework and assessments you need to pay attention to when things are due, and then obviously try and complete them in that order. When I get an assessment I usually put it into an app on my phone called "agenda".

This app allows me to write notes and dates on a specific assessment so I get a notification when it is due-it's so helpful! I also have a desk to work at when I am home, which is in a quiet place and keeps me on task. When you get to high school you will also get textbooks for Maths and Science. It is good to keep them in a specific spot in your room so you don't lose them as well. I would also recommend having a folder for each subject making it easier to keep track of your work. Have fun!

EQUIPMENT!

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During the school holidays you may need to go shopping for school supplies. The basic equipment are pens, pencils, erasers, whiteout, sharpener, scissors and glue sticks. However, you are required to bring specific things that you might not have needed in primary school. This includes sketching pencils for Visual Art, a protractor set for Maths, and other special items for TAS subjects. The protractor set will have protractors, rulers and set squares inside. You will need to bring your own device or borrow one from the library- but you can find out more about this from talking to teachers at our school.

Remember to bring a laptop case for your laptop as you will be moving around with your school bag a lot. Your school bag should be comfortable to wear and spacious. You can also buy your bag from the school. If you buy it from another store it needs to have certain qualities. Such as a separate compartment for your laptop, big enough to fit a few books, lunchbox, pencil case, drink bottle etc. You will need at least one lined A4 book for each subject excluding PE, Art and Sport. If you have a PE or sport class you will bring your sport uniform and shoes in a separate bag. You can use a small duffel bag or even a fabric tote bag. Don't forget your school opal card for travel!