



NANANGO STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Bring Your Own Device (BYOx) Programme

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BYOx - 2017



"24/7 Access to Digital Education"

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As the National Secondary Schools Computing Fund (NSSCF) which provided laptops as a tool to assist student learning came to an end, we entered the exciting new phase of BYOx in 2016

BYOx stands for Bring Your Own Device and is a scheme which provides students the opportunity to bring their own laptop to school to assist in their learning. The school has only a limited number of computers, but can no longer guarantee students access to a computer when they may need it.

Digital technology is a vital part of student education. Teachers facilitate student learning by providing access to online resources that are available 24/7. This is in recognition of the many pathways students follow to achieve their education. The provision of access to teaching resources everywhere anytime caters to the individual need of the student. Access to Information Technology Devices on a full time basis allows us to fulfil our school vision “Creating a Future Together”. We aim to create an environment where students use ICT’s to access a diverse range of learning experiences that can be personalised to individual needs.

This valuable and innovative project will integrate digital education seamlessly in the classroom and at home for students. This environment will allow personalised learning opportunities that contribute to the future of a technologically connected global community.

Our school community is strongly committed to the educational value this program will offer to our students.

Regards

Darryl Early

Principal

Nanango SHS Technology Department has devised a list of minimum specifications for student laptops. Log on to <https://nanangoshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Pages/BYOx.aspx> to obtain these specifications or contact the school to obtain a hard copy or have one emailed to you.

“Learn, create, collaborate, discover, network”

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Free Software

- Education Queensland has negotiated for students to access up to 5 free copies of Office 365 for use on privately owned devices. Log on to: www.learningplace.com to download your free copy.
- Nanango SHS has purchased a licence to allow all students free access to the Adobe Suite containing Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Flash and more.
- Programmes such as ClickView and Mathletics will continue to be available for student access as a result of Nanango SHS subscriptions.



Which Device?

- Families will have the freedom to choose any device which meets the school's minimum specifications.
- Log on to <https://nanangoshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Pages/BYOx.aspx> to access a list of minimum technical specifications. Take this list to your retailer to ensure the correct device is purchased.

GUIDELINES FOR PURCHASING A LAPTOP:

- Take the school's minimum specifications to local vendors
- There will be an option to purchase from online portals provided on the school's website (Note: While all devices on these portals meet the school's minimum specifications – the school does not prefer these vendors over any other).
- Consider where warranty and/or accidental damage work will be carried out. Will the vendor come to the school, your home or will the device need to be sent away?
- The school strongly advises the purchase of Theft and Accidental Damage Insurance that will cover the cost of replacement or repair if the device is lost, stolen or broken.
- The dimensions and weight of the laptop is important. Students will need to carry it in their schoolbag, so a compact device in a hard case may be more suitable.



SCHOOL FUNDS SUPPLY:

Technical infrastructure including a very high level of security measures, increased bandwidth to ensure high speed access to online material and technical support. Students are also provided with all software required for their coursework as part of the BYOx programme.

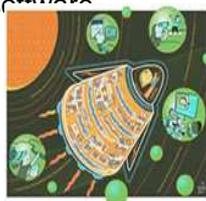
“Laptops are a resource for learning required every day”

Teaching and Learning

The integration of laptops will change the face of teaching and learning.

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS:

- Lesson information and assessment items from home
- 2-way teacher communication/feedback through communication beyond the classroom
- Digital textbooks and resource
- Online virtual Learning and classrooms
- Online tutorials, support materials, lessons
- Access to the worldwide network of resources
- Software and e-books
- Safe Assign plagiarism checking software



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Quick FAQs

Listed below are a few of the most common questions asked. Please contact us if you have further questions.

I already own a laptop but it doesn't meet the minimum specifications. What can I do?

If the laptop has current virus protection software installed, ask your son/daughter to bring it in to the school and our technical staff will determine whether it can be joined to the network. Staff will make every effort to join devices wherever possible, however it should be noted some required software may not run on devices that do not meet minimum specifications.

Does an iPad meet the minimum specifications?

Unfortunately no. iPads will not be approved for use within the school as they do not have the full functionality required for some commonly used software applications.

Will my child be able to charge their laptop at school?

The school is not able to provide charging stations for laptops. It is therefore essential when purchasing a laptop that it has a minimum of 6 hour battery life and the laptop is brought to school fully charged each day.

Will there be somewhere safe for my child to store their laptop at school?

Yes – students will be able to sign their laptops into the school offices. They will be provided with a receipt for the laptop. When they provide this receipt to the office later, they will be able to collect their laptop.

My child currently hires a laptop from the school. Will this be available next year?

There will be a limited number of devices available for hire next year. Students who have a current hire arrangement in place will get first preference for these devices next year. It should be noted that school hire devices will no longer have 3G access or a warranty system in place beyond 2016. Hire fees for 2017 will be \$100 per year.

Will the school provide purchasing portals for student laptops?

Yes – links to vendor portals are available on the school website. It should be recognised that the school will not endorse any particular vendor – parents are advised to shop around to find the best value for money. All devices on vendor portals adhere to the school's minimum specifications.

Why does the school recommend I purchase insurance with my child's laptop?

While, not a common occurrence, it is possible your child's laptop may become damaged, lost or stolen. Insurance should cover the cost of replacement or repairs. When purchasing insurance:

- Ask your vendor whether this insurance covers repairs or replacement.
- Ask your vendor whether the laptop needs to be sent away for repairs or whether the technician will visit your home or school.
- Ask your vendor whether the insurance covers loss or theft.

“Let's create the future of learning today.”