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## **Bring Your Own Device – BYOD in 2025**

We are very pleased to be continuing our school BYOD program for 2025. This program has been operating with mainstream students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with students having the option to bring a **Chromebook** device to school to support student learning.

**This program is completely optional and is not mandatory.** While the school maintains a fleet of digital devices within the classrooms, we aim to increase the access to technology of all students as those without their own device will have greater access to school devices.

Over the last few years, we have seen an even faster trend towards the high use of mobile devices, such as laptops, coinciding with both NAPLAN becoming an online assessment and with Home Learning periods. Since then more learning experiences, assessments and collaborative experiences are conducted through digital devices.

After implementing different devices within the learning spaces, Chromebooks have demonstrated that they are best suited for purpose and are the type of device specified within the program. Parents and caregivers have open option to source a Chromebook from any retailer of choice and there are a range of models and brands to choose from.

Chromebooks access all of the learning suite (such as Office 365) online and operate largely with cloud based software. This means there is very little to download or install, and works back well with the school WiFi. They are easy to manage, more affordable, don't slow like Window devices and suits requirements beyond tablet devices. Phones are not included and are not permitted within classrooms.

To support, the school has developed BYOD partnerships with two suppliers, *JB HIFI* and *Learning With Technologies (LWT)* for online ordering, preferred models and ease of access. Again, these are optional and are there to support choices, if you are looking to participate within the program.

Our P&C is greatly supporting this program, and have been donating the infrastructure to support through docking stations for the Fernleigh classrooms. These docking stations will allow student devices to be stored and charged during the day when not in use.





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Should you wish to order a device through our partner suppliers, you can review their catalogue via:

### JB Hi Fi:

<https://byod.jbhifi.education>  
school code: SPEERSPOINTBYOD25

### Learning With Technology – LWT

<https://spps.orderportal.com.au/>



Both suppliers have options around finance (eg Afterpay or Zip) and after purchase support. Both portals cover this information as relevant to each supplier.

If you are choosing to source a Chromebook from an alternate retailer, we suggest looking for a Chromebook with a minimum 4GB RAM and at least 11 inch screen. Touchscreens are an advantage. Hard drive space is least important as programs and student files are all cloud based.

In 2025 we look forward to having our BYOD program supporting more student learning directly in the classroom. The program is completely optional and it is not a requirement for any child to have to bring a device to school. This is a choice for each family should they choose to engage with the program. While specific information around student use agreements etc will continue, we have shared the program information now should parents wish to source a device prior to the new year.

Chris Payne

Principal

