

BYOx Program Equity Policy



Bremer State High School

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Rationale

At Bremer State High School, we are committed to incorporating digital technology into the classroom to support and enhance learning experiences. We recognise that the BYOX program raises a financial cost on students and their families in supplying a device. At the same time, the program can only function if all students have access to appropriate technological resources in all of their classes. The release of a school supplied device is temporary. **The intention of the program is to allow sufficient time so that students and families can prepare their child with their own device for learning.**

Actions

Bremer State High School will:

1. Ensure the BYOX Program's Minimum Device Specification is designed so that a range of devices in varying capability and cost are offered and meet the minimum specifications
2. Assess applications for assistance on a case-by-case basis

Due consideration will be given to all the facts of the matter, including:

- The level of assistance requested
- If the student is part of the shared resource scheme
- The year level of the student
- The subjects the student undertakes
- The technology already available to the student at school and at home.
- If the school has made it an expectation that the students has a device for their classes

Students and Parents/Carers:

1. Consider options for the purchase of equipment that meets the minimum device specifications.
2. If you believe you are unable to provide a device that meets the minimum specifications and it was made an expectation that your student has a device:
 - a. The school will liaise with you, your student and their teachers to identify the most appropriate way to address the issue.
 - b. You will be asked to make an agreement with the school that confirms the alternative arrangements made for your student's access to technological resources.
3. Bremer State High School will not purchase a device to assign to your student. Bremer State High School has **limited devices it can provide for short-term loan**. On approval by the Principal (or delegate), a device will be loaned to your student for the negotiated period.

All devices are returned at the end of each school term or as notified by staff.

Inappropriate use of equity devices

The following are examples of irresponsible use of devices by students:

- Using the device in an unlawful manner
- Intentionally damaging any devices, accessories, peripherals, printers or network equipment
- Leaving the device in a classroom or in the playground
- Losing the device at school
- Not collecting the device at the start of each day
- Not returning the device at the end of each day

Misuse, Damage and Loss

Students should be aware that they are held responsible for their actions while using an equity device. Students will be held responsible for any misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device.

Bremer State High School reserves the right to restrict/remove access of equity devices to ensure the integrity and security of the equity program and the school. The misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device may result in disciplinary action which includes, but is not limited to, the withdrawal of access to Bremer State High School supplied services. The misuse, damage, loss or theft of an equity device may also result in a monetary cost to replace device. This monetary cost will be determined on a case by case basis.

BYOx Equity Device Application

An application for a temporary loan of a school device is a short-term loan. All devices are **returned at the end of the term.**

Section 1: Student Details			
First Name		Last Name	
School Username		Year Level	
Section 2: Parent Details			
First Name		Last Name	
Address			
Home Phone		Mobile Number	
Section 3:			
Is your student currently participating in the Bremer State High School <i>Shared Resource Scheme</i> ?			Yes/No
Section 4: BYOx Equity Device Application			
Select the period of time you are applying for an equity device:	1 Week		
	1 Month		
	1 Term		
Section 5: Reason for Application			
Please provide sufficient details as to the reason for the need to borrow a school device.			

Student Signature	
Parent Signature	
Date	

Return form the Library

This section is for school use only.....

Section 6: Principal (or delegate) Notes

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Section 7: Agreed Period of Equity Device

The period of time agreed to by the Principal, Parent and Student is:	1 Week
	1 Month
	1 Term

Principal's Delegate Name	
Principal's Delegate Signature	
Date	