



Girraween Public School

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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Year 5 2024

Dear Parents of Year 4 students,

In 2024, all classes in Years 5 and year 6 will use their own computer device in classrooms. Teachers will integrate the use of technology to develop Future Focus learning skills.

Students will begin using their computer device at the beginning in 2024. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student (or the student's family).

Computer devices could be used for some of the following reasons:

- mathematics (graphing, collection of data, designing)
- writing- this includes drafting, feedback, publishing and collaborative writing
- website design, recording of reading, speeches, movie making

When looking to purchase a device for your child, ensure that it is a **Windows based device**. You can choose to purchase a device from a store of your choice, or you can choose to purchase a device from Learning With Technologies via <https://girraweenps.orderportal.com.au/>

BYOD TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Wireless connectivity:	802.11ac 5Ghz standard (Wi-Fi 5)
Operating Platform/Systems:	Windows 10 or Windows 11 (Preferred Operating Systems) Apple macOS 10.14 (Mojave) or newer Apple iOS 12 or newer ANDROID DEVICES ARE NO LONGER SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WILL NOT CONNECT TO OUR NETWORK. iPads ARE NOT ENCOURAGED.
Software and apps required on the device:	Google Chrome - Girraween utilises G Suite for Education Microsoft Office - Girraween utilises standard Microsoft Office 365 applications.
Battery life:	Must be able to operate under normal conditions for a minimum of 6 hours as this is a full day of school. We do not allow charging within the classrooms for BYOD devices.
Storage and RAM:	A minimum specification for storage of 128 GB SSD for Laptops, and 4 GB RAM (8 GB of RAM preferred)
Hardware:	Built in camera and microphone
Display:	Integrated display no smaller than 11 inches
Pointer:	Touch screen or trackpad (preferred)
Weight:	Please keep in mind your child will be carrying the device, a device 5+kg is not ideal.
Accessories:	Carry case: Supply a carry case or skin to protect the device. A case that can fit into their school bags is best. Insurance and warranty: Be aware of the terms of insurance policies/warranties for the device. A warranty of 2 years is perfect, as this carries through to Year 6. The school will not accept responsibility for loss or breakage.

Further information can be found on the school website.

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