

BYOD at Macleans Primary in 2026:
Empowering 21st Century Learners!

Macleans Primary is committed to using technology to support our students and places a high priority on providing the best Internet facilities and ICT devices to benefit student learning outcomes using safe practices

What is BYOD - Bring Your Own Device?

Bringing your own device to school is highly recommended for students in Years 3 - 6.

A student-owned, internet-capable device will give your child instant access to unlimited resources and enable them to support, extend, communicate, and share their learning. This will prepare them for their future personal and working lives.



The Advantages of Student-Owned Devices

- **Access & Resources:** Anytime, anywhere access to internet resources, class files, and support/extension activities.
- **Workflow:** Ability to draft and easily edit their work before submission and save their work in the Cloud.
- **Communication:** Greater ability to communicate with teachers, parents, and peers through student e-mail, shared documents, and communication software.

Educational Benefits (e-Learning)

Research highlights additional benefits of e-learning resulting from access to internet-capable devices:

- Improved motivation and engagement
- Greater independence and personalised learning
- Improved critical thinking and development of multiple literacies
- Greater opportunities for collaboration beyond school walls

Chromebook: Our Only BYOD Device

Macleans Primary is a Chromebook only school. iPads and other touch screen devices are not to be bought into school.



Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are the chosen device for our BYOD program because they:

- Work seamlessly in the Google Environment.
- Are easily managed and set up for our school environment.
- Offer the most secure option for Internet filtering at Macleans Primary.
- Have an easy login process for students.
- Feature Cloud-based storage.
- Are light-weight and have great battery life.
- Offer easy one-click software updates.
- Have less on-device distractions.
- Are easy to powerwash (reset to factory settings) if there is an error.

What to Look For

When purchasing a Chromebook for your child, please look for the following specifications:

- Chromebook (any brand/model)
- Lightweight
- Great battery life (must last for a school day)
- Tough outer-casing
- Attached keyboard (clamshell / laptop style)
 - Note: No detachable keyboards are to be brought to school.
- Touch screens are okay but not required.
- A good insurance policy that covers accidental breakage and theft.
- You DO NOT need to purchase anti-virus software for Chromebooks.

