



**KARALEE
STATE SCHOOL**
LEARNING TOGETHER

BYOD Information Session 2026

Learning together with technology



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What is BYOD?



BYOD = Bring Your Own Device

Students bring a privately owned laptop to school for learning.



The device connects to Education Queensland systems and the school network.



BYOD gives students consistent access to the same device at school and at home.



Why BYOD?

 Easy access to lesson content and learning tools

 Greater engagement, independence and choice

 More opportunities for differentiated learning

 Builds digital literacy and responsible digital citizenship

 Supports continuity between home and school



Technology Supports Learning

💡 Technology is a tool for learning — not a replacement for teaching.

👩🏫 Teachers decide when and how devices are used.

💻 Students use devices to access, create, collaborate, practise and demonstrate learning.



How laptops are used in class

-  Access assigned learning and resources
-  Use Microsoft 365, QLearn and approved websites
-  Create and submit work in different formats
-  Receive teacher feedback
-  Complete differentiated learning tasks



What BYOD is NOT

- ✗ A replacement for explicit teaching
- ✗ Unlimited screen time
- ✗ A device for gaming during learning time
- ✗ A device to be shared with other students



Learning Platforms and Software

Microsoft 365 is provided through Education Queensland — families do not need to purchase Microsoft Office.

Most learning tools are online, so very high processing power is not required.

Microsoft 365

QLearn

Approved
websites

Cloud-based
learning



Parents consent via QParents for the use of any platforms that collect any personal data such as names/email addresses

STUDENT DEVICE REQUIREMENTS

All student devices must meet the minimum specifications below, noting that devices only meeting minimum requirements may not last through to the end of year 6 and will be unsuited for continued use beyond three years.

REQUIREMENT	MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS	PREFERRED SPECIFICATIONS
 Memory (RAM)	8GB	16GB
 Processor	Intel i3/AMD or Ryzen 3	Intel i5/AMD or Ryzen 5
 Storage	128Gb SSD	256Gb SSD
 Networking and Communications	WiFi 802.11 n/ac (5Ghz – Required)	WiFi 802.11 n/ac (5Ghz – Required)
 Battery	6-hour battery life	10-hour battery life
 Operating system	Windows 11	Windows 11
 Additional hardware	USB drive to back up files	Touch screen capability USB external hard drive to back up files



NOTE: Apple, Android, Chromebooks and devices with Snapdragon processors are not compatible



Note: You do not need to purchase Microsoft 365 (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive). Students can download up to five (5) free copies of the Microsoft Office Suite to their personal home and mobile computers while enrolled in public schools.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:



Protective case – a hard case is required to reduce the risk of a broken screen (avoid soft laptop sleeves as they provide very limited protection from damage). Best practice is to purchase an armoured case such as a Targus Tanc.



Antivirus – Please be aware that some antivirus software will prevent access to required platforms while at school. Windows Defender (free on all Windows devices) is suitable during school hours. If parents/carers choose to purchase additional antivirus software for use at home it should be switched off during school hours.



Consider adding an onsite warranty and repair option when purchasing (next business day is recommended).



Accidental damage protection / insurance – must be added at time of purchase in most cases. Check your home/contents insurance policies carefully if you are considering coverage under your existing insurance (NB. Most insurance companies require devices to be specifically listed on your policy).

MOST IMPORTANT



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Protecting the Device

🛡️ Use a well-fitted protective case with a zip and protective corners. Best practice option – armoured case such as Targus Tanc (pictured).

🎒 Students are responsible for careful handling and transport.

🔒 Families may wish to consider accidental damage insurance and warranty options. **The school is not responsible for devices being damaged, which unfortunately does happen with children.**



Security and Updates

 Students use their own unique username and password.

 School internet filtering applies while connected to the school network.

 Install Windows and security updates regularly at home.

 At home, device supervision and internet access remain **a family responsibility**.





Ready for School Each Day?

Be prepared. Be responsible. Be successful.



Bring the laptop every school day.



Charge it fully at home.



Complete updates at home rather than during class time.



Charging cables are not to be brought to or used at school.



If your device is unavailable, access to a school device will only be for when it is necessary for assessment and may depend on availability.



Student Responsibilities

-  Use the device for learning as directed by teachers.
-  Follow the Student BYOD Charter and taught expectations.
-  Keep usernames and passwords secure.
-  Handle and transport the device carefully.
-  Bring the device charged and ready to use each day.



Parent/Carer Responsibilities

-  Read and complete the required BYOD agreements.
-  Complete relevant online services consent through QParents.
-  Purchase and maintain a device that meets minimum specifications.
-  Keep the device updated, secure and charged.
-  Monitor appropriate use at home.



Appropriate Use

The following Department of Education and school policies apply.

Acceptable Use of
ICT

KSS Student Code
of Conduct

KSS BYOD
Charter



Network access cannot begin until
required agreements are completed.

BYOD Karalee Pride

Respect for self



Being Ready to Learn by:

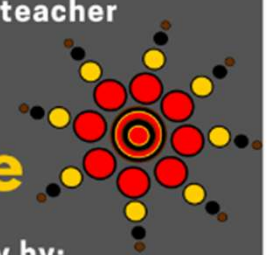
- Bringing my computer charged everyday
- Keeping my passwords safe
- Logging off after each session
- Reporting issues of cybersafety promptly
- Using the correct posture

Respect for others

Respectfully following adult instructions by:

- Turning my laptop to 45 when the teacher is speaking

Respect for place



Respecting ours and other's property by:

- Keeping my laptop in its protective case
- Being aware of my digital footprint
- Keeping my laptop in its protective case

Inappropriate Use



Students will be explicitly taught the expectations around use of their device at school.



Inappropriate use may lead to restrictions on device or network access.





Next Steps

1



Read the Student/Parent KSS BYOD Charter.

2



Sign and return required agreements.

3



Purchase or prepare a device that meets the minimum specifications.

4



Purchase a suitable protective case and warranty/insurance.

5



Follow the school onboarding instructions (as per school website) and complete all updates.

6



Complete relevant QParents consent in early 2027.



Being prepared helps everyone learn, stay safe and make the most of our digital learning opportunities.



Onboarding Advice



When first using the device, you will create an account for yourself (as the parent).



Then, you should create a local, **non-Microsoft account** on the device for the student.



This will allow increased parental controls, as the parent account is the administrator for the student account.



Microsoft account

Create a user for this PC

If this account is for a child or teenager, consider selecting **Back** and creating a Microsoft account. When younger family members log in with a Microsoft account, they'll have privacy protections focused on their age.

If you want to use a password, choose something that will be easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess.

Who's going to use this PC?

Enter your username.

Make it secure.

Next

Key Messages

 BYOD supports learning when used purposefully and responsibly.

 Choose a device that meets the school's minimum requirements.

 You do not need to purchase Microsoft Office.

 Keep the laptop protected, updated and fully charged.

 Please take a copy of our BYOD Specifications flyer with you tonight.



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and devices with Snapdragon
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Any Questions?



Thank you for being part of our
BYOD learning journey.



BYOD enquiries after tonight should be directed to:

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