



Burnside State High School

Small Smarter Safer

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 2025 Senior Electronic Devices

The new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance system was introduced across Queensland in 2019.

Key changes include:

- The introduction of common external assessments
 - Strengthening the quality and comparability of school-based assessments
 - Replacing the Overall Position (OP) with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)
- (For more information, visit the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) website at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/information-school-communities>)

With this new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance system, there is a greater focus on the development of future-focused information, communication, and technology skills. Students will also undertake student-led projects and investigations requiring online access for research. As a result, all senior students at Burnside State High School are required to have access to an electronic device for use both at school and at home.

In previous years, students were required to purchase a device through the school. However, in an effort to reduce the financial burden on families, Burnside SHS will be moving to a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for students entering Year 11 in 2025. This program will allow students to bring any device that meets the specifications outlined in the attached document for onboarding onto the school network. Students will be provided with instructions for installing the client software, which allows them access to the school server and internet. The school IT Technician will further support students with network access when they return to school in 2025. All students in Queensland are eligible to access a free copy of the Microsoft 365 software suite for their studies, and where additional software is required for specific subjects, their classroom teachers will assist them in accessing the necessary licenses.

Students who already have a Horizons laptop will be able to continue using them if they are still in good working condition. Students are reminded that their warranty and Accidental Damage Protection may expire at the end of this year, so they are encouraged to visit the IT Help Desk as soon as possible to address any outstanding damage repairs.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Libby Richardson Head of Department for Information Technology.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Fitzgerald
Acting Principal



Libby Richardson
HOD Information Technology

BYOD - Responsible Use Agreement

The following is to be read and completed by both the STUDENT and PARENT/CAREGIVER:

- I have read and understood the BYOD Process and Procedure booklet and the school's Student Code of Conduct
- I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined by both documents.
- I am aware that non-compliance or irresponsible behaviour, as per the intent of the BYOD Information and Procedures Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct, will result in consequences relative to the behaviour.

Student's name: _____ **Class:** _____
(Please print)

Student's signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Caregiver's name: _____
(Please print)

Parent/Caregiver's signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____