Nicholson St Public School
BYOT - Bring Your Own Technology Policy
Digital Devices brought from home for class use.

1. Such devices may be brought to school by students in years 3-6 after a copy of this policy has been signed and dated by the parent, class teacher and student. These devices may then be used only at the direction of the class teacher for activities linked to class learning programs. Permission, if granted, will be for the current school year only and does not necessarily transfer to future school years. This policy will be reviewed as necessary in collaboration with year 3-6 students and parents. Changes will be published on the school website.

2. Students are responsible for the care of their devices. While the school will support the students to manage their individual devices the final responsibility will rest with each student. Devices are to remain in classrooms during recess and lunch breaks. They may used in class during wet lunch and recess at the supervising teacher’s discretion.

3. Students are to deposit their device in the Digital Device box in their classroom each morning.

4. The student will assume responsibility for entering the school proxy server details as required into their device network settings in order to access the internet through the school’s cyber safety filters. Internet access through the school’s wireless network will be provided to students free of charge. Teachers will enter the security password to allow access to the school network.

5. Any phone internet connection, such as 3G, YesG or NextG, must be switched off if possible and the device priority pointed to the school’s wireless network. Accessing the internet independently of the school’s proxy servers (ie by personal ISP) is not allowed in order to ensure cyber safety.

6. Mobile phone voice and text use by students during the school day is still prohibited by this policy unless requested by the teacher.

7. iPod touch, iPhone, iPad are preferred due to their compatibility with the school systems and their inbuilt protections against Malware. Devices from other manufacturers may be allowed, after assessment for compatibility and, where required, assessment of up to date anti-virus protection, by the school’s Digital Learning Leader and the Principal.

8. Students agree to only view, listen to, or access, school appropriate content on their mobile devices while at school. Due to copyright, content such as music is not to be transferred to other devices or the school’s computer network. The School Principal retains the right to be the final arbitrator of what is, and is not, appropriate content.

9. Consequences for breach of this policy will be determined by the Principal and may include banning an individual student from bringing their mobile device to school.

10. Taking photos, video or recording voice of any individual or group is not allowed without the express permission of all of the individuals being recorded and after permission from the teacher.

11. Students are responsible for bringing their devices to school fully charged and labelled for identification [The school can provide labels on request].

Georgia Constanti Principal 29 January 2013

Parent name & signature: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................
Student name & signature: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................
Class Teacher name & signature: ................................................................. Date: .................................................................