



Principal's Update

9 December 2019

Our mission - building a caring and safe learning environment where great teaching supports and inspires all students to grow, develop and succeed.



BYOD – Bring Your Own Device

The BYOD program is going ahead in 2020. The BYOD page is now live on the school's website under the Learning at Our School tab. Information on minimum device requirements and other useful information, including a link to the School Locker portal with approved devices and special pricing can also be found on this page. Parents who are having concerns in relation to device affordability are encouraged to read the BYOD Equity Policy and consider applying for Student Assistance (the link to the Student Assistance Form can also be found on the BYOD page on the school's website). While the school will not provide students with permanent loan devices, parents are encouraged to contact me prior to completing the Student Assistance Form so we can discuss appropriate ways to support your child.

Therapy Dog for Hawkesbury High School

Hawkesbury High School will have an approved therapy dog on site from the beginning of 2020. The therapy dog, sourced in partnership with Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, will provide comfort, companionship and emotional support to our students in the Wellbeing Hub and other areas around the school that support student wellbeing. The school's therapy dog - a Labrador Retriever named Icon - meets carefully considered criteria and he has received extensive training and was chosen for his temperament. In addition, he was socialised as a puppy by our students as part of the Positive Paws program. The school will complete a risk assessment to ensure that students interact positively and safely with the dog. In addition, parents whose children have known allergies to dogs are asked to inform the school so appropriate risk control measures can be put in place.





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Accessing Office 365 and Adobe Creative Suite for Free

All Hawkesbury High School students can download free versions of Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud, among others, through the Student DoE Portal. The Learning tab in the Student Portal will redirect students to a site where they can use their student credentials to download the software on their personal BYOD device.



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ACER CHROMEBOOK 11 - C732 - CELERON
N3450/4GB/32GB EMMC - CHROME OS

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Quick Look

- **Processor:** Intel Celeron quad-core processor N3450
- **Display:** 11.6-inch HD 1366 x 768 resolution, high-brightness Acer ComfyView LED-backlit TFT LCD
- **Memory:** 4 GB of onboard LPDDR4 system memory
- **Storage:** 32GB eMMC
- **Wireless:** Wi-Fi 802.11ac | Bluetooth 4.2
- **Battery:** Full school day battery life (Up to 12 hours battery life¹)
- **Warranty:** 12 months manufacturer warranty - Accidental Damage Coverage extra
- **Operating System:** Chrome OS

How Will BYOD Work?

This year a number of teachers used Google Classroom to add resources, class notes, assignments, useful links and other materials to support student learning. Students have also used Google Classroom to submit assignments, receive feedback and communicate with their teachers. Staff have also received training on how to use Google Classroom and all students will be provided with guidelines and support materials next year to also learn how to use Google Classroom effectively. Students will be encouraged to bring their laptops every day (except Wednesdays), and staff will give students prior notice if devices are required for any planned activities. On such occasions, staff will be able to book additional devices or computer spaces to support students who do not have a device. Students will be encouraged and supported to keep their class folders neatly organised in Google Drive and to upload or save any handouts in relevant folders. Teachers will also be able to access student study notes to monitor if students are on track with their learning. While it is not anticipated that devices will be used every lesson of every day, they will become a useful additional tool to help students access information, keep their notes organised, submit and receive work and communicate with their teachers.

A Device for Your Child

While there are currently a number of very competitively priced devices that meet the school's BYOD criteria available for purchase, the school has also entered into an agreement with The School Locker to provide parents with approved devices. The link to the portal can be found on the school's website under the Learning at Our School tab. The devices range from very affordable Chromebooks, to higher end devices such as Surface Pro 7 2 in 1 devices, the excellent Surface Laptop 3, and a range of Apple devices. The School Locker Hawkesbury High School portal has a device for all budgets. However, I encourage parents to do their research and be well informed before they shop for a device.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish all our students, parents, staff and community members a safe a relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to 2020 as we continue our learning journey.

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