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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) SURVEY

**For Parents/Guardians to complete online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WV6K659>
OR return to the School Office before 1 November**

In 2008 the Commonwealth Government instituted its Digital Education Revolution (DER), designed to bring about a 1:1 computer to student ratio for Years 9 to 12 in schools by 2012. The DER Program in NSW (DERNSW) consisted of five distinct, parallel, major projects: provision of a wireless enabled laptop with educational and productivity software to every NSW public school secondary student from Years 9 to 12; professional learning and curriculum support for school leaders and teachers; revised policies and procedures; centrally managed wireless access points – one in every learning space and library in every public high and central school in NSW; and on-site technical support services in all targeted schools including over 400 full time school Technology Support Officers. The 1:1 ratio was achieved by the beginning of 2012 with a further roll-out of laptops to students in Year 9 2013.

Schools are examining ways of continuing the 1:1 computer to student ratio. The solution being given increasing attention is Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). BYOD has been popular in the business world for several years as activities ranging from email and calendar management to word processing and graphic design has migrated to hardware owned by employees. BYOD is coming under serious consideration globally for schools.

Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning and which can access the internet, possibly the school network. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and is owned by a student or the student's family. There are different models of BYOD. It will be necessary that the device has essential software eg; word processing, spreadsheets, graphics editing programs etc.

Technology plays a large role in our students' lives in the 21st Century. Personal devices can enhance and enrich learning opportunities both at home and at school. GRC Penshurst Girls Campus is committed to allowing responsible, learning centred use of personal devices at school so as to provide as many pathways to understanding as possible for our students. The new Australian Curriculum has a range of requirements regarding general capabilities in information and communication technology and many of our feeder primary schools are already implementing 1:1 devices in Stage 3.

To enable the P&C to assist the school in making the most informed decision on implementing this scheme into the school in 2014 your input through this survey is paramount. The final decision and operation of the BYOD scheme is made within the school. So either complete this survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WV6K659> or return this page by circling your choice and returning it to the School Office.

A few items that need to be noted on this topic:

- A BYOD Parent Contract, BYOD Student Contract and BYOD Policy will be implemented and will need to be signed prior to the students being given connection rights.
- The school will not be responsible for personal devices that are broken or damaged, lost or stolen or requiring maintenance, support or upgrades. Student/parents must accept all risks and some families may want to take out personal insurance. No technical support for personal devices will be provided at school.
- Personal devices will need to hold a 6 hour charge as charging at school will not be permitted.
- It is important not to go out and buy anything now! We will let you know what you need to do next when decisions have been finalised and minimum technical requirements have been agreed on.

BYOD SURVEY

- 1) What year is your daughter/s in for 2014?
 - a. 7
 - b. 8
 - c. 9
 - d. 10Other: _____
- 2) Should the BYOD scheme in 2014 be for:
 - a. Years 7, 8 and 9
 - b. Years 8 and 9
 - c. Just Year 9
- 3) Does the student/s have access to a computer at home?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
- 4) Does the student/s have access to the internet at home?
 - a. Yes, but not wireless
 - b. Yes, including wireless
 - c. No
- 5) What would you be willing to pay for the device with the software included (keep in mind that the School Kids Bonus that you may receive is designed for spending on school expenses such as this)?
 - a. \$300-\$500
 - b. Over \$500
 - c. Lease from \$5 per week
 - d. Already have a device that our student/s could take to school
- 6) If you do already have a device that your child could take to school, what is it?
 - a. Slate/tablet
 - b. iPad
 - c. Laptop (Windows)
 - d. Chromebook
 - e. Mac
 - f. Not applicableOther: _____
- 7) Do you have a preference of device?
 - a. Slate/tablet
 - b. iPad
 - c. Laptop (Windows)
 - d. Chromebook
 - e. MacOther: _____
- 8) Do you have a preference of operating system?
 - a. Windows
 - b. Mac
 - c. Android
 - d. Chrome OSOther: _____
- 9) How would you prefer to purchase/lease the device?
 - a. On my own
 - b. Through the school
 - c. Through a school arranged retailer myself