BYOD at MBBC Frequently asked questions.
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Use of the Device at School.

Will my child use their device all the time?

No. These technologies are tools for learning that will be used along with all the other tools available at school and home (e.g. pen, paper, calculators, books, computers etc).

Will children in Junior School use their iPads before school or during breaks?

When students arrive at school, they put their iPad in the classroom. iPads will be left in the classroom during breaks. (Students may be involved in special, teacher-supervised activities during breaks that require iPads. In this case, the teacher-in-charge will manage the children while they collect, use and return their iPads.)

How will the device be stored at school?

In the Junior school, students will store their iPad in the classroom. Middle School students will have lockers to store of their Laptops when not in use.

Do you have advice about online safety?

MBBC will provide informations nights open to parents to provide them more support on a range of topics for the use of technology and their child's learning.

What are my child’s responsibilities with respect to using their own device at school?

Each student and parent will be asked to sign a responsible user agreement (RUA) which will outline the responsibilities of using the device at home and at school. This agreement will include but is not limited to

1. I will use my device ONLY during assigned class times. I will not use the device at recess, on the playground or outside the classroom or library at any time unless accompanied by a teacher.
2. I am responsible for the safekeeping of my device and take full responsibility if the device is lost or stolen while at school.
3. I will treat my device carefully and respectfully and take full responsibility if it is damaged while at school.
4. I will store my device safely in my desk or in locker when not in use.
5. I will only use the device with the permission of my teacher.
6. Moreton Bay Boys College will not be held responsible for the device if it is damaged, lost or stolen.

Why have we chosen iPads as the device in Junior School?
MBBC has selected iPads for students in Junior School for these reasons:

- Battery life: iPads have excellent battery life and should last all day without charging;
- Portability: iPads are light and compact and will fit easily in student backpacks without adding significant weight or bulk;
- Apps: iTunes offers thousands of apps for students in the education category and most are free;
- Availability: iPads are readily available, they can be easily repaired locally and many of our students already have one at home;
- Productivity: iPads will allow students to communicate, collaborate, research, write, publish, make movies, draw, read and practice their math skills.

Why have we chosen to use a Laptop in the Middle School?
When students begin Middle School, the amount of writing, typing and Internet research they need to do rises dramatically. While iPads can do most things students will need to do in Middle School, a laptop will be more conducive to typing, accessing flash-based sites for math and analyzing and graphing data in science.
What if my child forgets to bring their iPad to school, or the battery runs flat?

The Student Responsible Use Agreement (RUA) states that it is the student’s responsibility to remember their device, and also have it fully charged when they bring it to school. Most 1:1 schools have found this is not a significant problem, however teachers will have an alternate activity using pen and paper. There will not be any charging stations available for students. The iPad battery is designed to provide over 10 hours of continual use for the iPad and the laptop minimum requirement is to be able to hold charge for 8 hours.

Use of the Device at home

Should I know my child’s password?
Yes. It’s important that you have executive control of the device, even if it is a gift or your child used their own money to pay for it.

Should I be concerned about overuse of technology?
All things, no matter how good, can be used excessively and this may lead to problems: food (obesity), exercise (exhaustion or injury), reading (eye strain) and technology. In all things, therefore, moderation in use is important and mobile technology is no different. We do not require the students to use their device all the time; it is important that they engage in other activities.