

2023 LEEMING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BYOD FAQs

Q: Why BYOD?

A: It is a technological trend in education to make learning more seamless and interactive both in the classroom and at home, where students bring their own device at school. At Leeming SHS, we envisage using technology to ensure students are engaged in a challenging curriculum that is focused on inquiry-based learning, developing critical thinking skills and focusing on hands-on learning for students to become competent 21st Century digital citizens.

Q: How does BYOD work at Leeming Senior High School?

A: During Term 1, through Digital Literacy, Year 7 students will become acquainted with using their device on the school network. From the beginning of Term 1, all Year 7 teachers will start using the devices in their classrooms.

Year 8-12 students are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day from the beginning of the year.

Q: Does Leeming Senior High School have a preferred device?

A: Leeming Senior High School recommends a **Microsoft Surface laptop, Surface Go or a Surface Pro (Pro 4 or above)**.

This model is a preferred device. If you have a technical background, there may be a different device you might choose. We ask that if you bring a device which is not our preferred device, you need to make sure it complies with our **minimum specifications**.

Q: What are the minimum specifications required?

A: **Operating System:** Windows 10 Pro or above.

Software: MS Office – The Department of Education provides free installation of MS Office 365 for all students. At the start of the year, students will need to log onto their school e-mail, click on the 365 icon and install it from there. There are instructions on how to do this on Connect>Library>BYOD folder.

Preferred if Available

Touch Screen and Digital Pen Enabled (To allow handwriting, ie Maths use with Education Perfect).

The school decided on the Microsoft Surface Laptop, Surface Go and Pro because of their light weight, the capacity to be used as a tablet or as a laptop with the attachable keyboard, and the fact that it is pen enabled. Having said that, and as noted above, a device meeting the Operating System and Software minimum specifications will also be accepted.

Q: Is there a recommended supplier?

A: JB Education is Leeming SHS's preferred supplier for 2023. The Leeming SHS Portal has a range of devices/prices that meet the minimum specifications required to connect to the school network.

Website: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

Password: leemingshs2023

Orders can be made via the JB Education Leeming Senior High School Portal and the store you wish to collect your device from can be selected.

JB Education has presented a range of devices/prices that all meet the minimum specifications to enable connection to the school network.

Q: Can I buy my device from an alternative supplier?

A: You can choose to buy your device from any supplier as long as you ensure that the device meets the minimum specifications and that the repair/replacement policy allows for a quick turnaround should it be required.

Q: Why do I need Windows 10 Pro?

A: Devices need Windows 10 Pro for connectivity to the school network. If your device has Windows Home, you can purchase an upgrade online.

Q: My child has a MacBook from primary school – is that ok?

A: Yes, MacBooks are able to be connected to the school network and they can also get the free version of Office 365 once students have started school. However, please be aware that there is limited functionality i.e.- some websites do not load properly and they do not have touch screen.

Q: Who owns the device?

A: At all times the device is owned by the student/parents. It is recommended that parents have access to the device and occasionally check the software, apps and other files saved on the computer to ensure that they are legal, ethical and suitable for school.

Q: Does my child need to take the device to school every day?

A: Yes, it is part of the BYOD Agreement that all students bring their device to school every day, fully charged. (Year 7 students will be directed by their Digital Literacy teacher when to bring their device in to be set up.)

Q: Will my child use the device in every lesson?

A: No, there are some learning areas that will use the devices regularly whereas other areas may not. Teachers develop programs that incorporate the use of the technologies available to enrich the learning experiences of the students.

Q: Is the digital pen necessary?

A: Electronic platforms used in the school require a digital pen and touch screen.
(ie Maths: Education Perfect)

Q: What are my child's responsibilities when bringing the Notebooks/Tablets to school?

A: In agreeing to take part in this program, students are agreeing to use their device in an ethical, legal and responsible manner at all times – ie at school and also at home.

Students and parents must ensure that:

- The School Network & BYOD User Agreement is adhered to.
- The ICT Policy of the School is adhered to. Students must at all times use their device and the school network in a responsible manner. Normal school rules will apply to all inappropriate behaviours and use.
- They comply with all laws that apply to the internet, communications and copyright (eg cyber bullying and plagiarism will not be tolerated).
- Privacy and security (of the student and others) will be respected, unauthorised personal information will not be shared and no attempt will be made to access personal information of others.
- Illegal copies of software, games, music files etc., are not installed/downloaded on the device for use or sharing at school.

Q: What happens if my child's device is damaged or lost at school?

A: The students and parents must accept full responsibility for the care and use of their own device. In particular, Leeming SHS does not accept responsibility for theft or loss of the device (in parts or whole) or any accessories. It is recommended that families check the details of their personal insurance coverage for events of loss or damage to the computer. If purchasing a device through the school portal, JB Education offers an optional extra Education warranty that includes accidental damage. (This is at an extra cost and includes broken screens)

Technical support is not provided for hardware or software problems that may occur with the devices (this could void your warranty). Such assistance remains the personal responsibility of the student as a private matter.

Q: Does the school help the kids with their devices?

A: To enable the efficient and effective use of the BYOD scheme during school hours, students are given access to the school network. Students will be trained and given supporting documentation on how to access school network facilities. (Library).

Q: How do students connect to the school network?

A: Upon enrolment, families will have handed in signed Learning Technologies Usage Agreement & Student Parent Memorandum of Understanding.

Year 7 students will learn how to use their device and how to connect it to the school network during Digital Literacy & Inquiry Skills lessons.

System Administrators are available at lunch time in the Library on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (all year) to assist students with their device issues and connection to the school network.

Technical support will only be available during normal school hours to assist with network issues. If a student is experiencing a connection problem with their device, it must be reported to the Library immediately.

Q: What if I still have questions?

A: Any further questions can be addressed to the Digital Literacy Teacher, Chris Steel:

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