



Investigator College

# Bring Your Own Device Program 2024

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

This year, Year 7-12 students participated in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. The program has proved highly successful and has provided for a number of options, formats and prices to better cater for the diversity of student needs. *In 2024 we would like to extend this program to our Year 6 classes.*

There are a number of benefits to introducing a BYOD program in Year 6 these include:

1. Fully utilising the real time reporting aspects of School Box
2. Submitting work and receiving feedback electronically
3. Accessing digital textbooks and their online tools
4. Accessing editing and support tools for those students that have difficulty with their literacy skills.
5. Preparing the Year 6's for the requirements of Year 7 including: running a digital calendar, maintaining regular charging of devices and collaborating on projects online
6. Preparing students for a digital future
7. Providing continuity between homework and schoolwork using the same device
8. Daily keyboard practice using a typing skills program
9. Less transition time required to access devices compared to utilising a shared trolley

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The College has adopted a two-fold strategy to provide the best outcomes for students. It is important to note that, in both areas, parents will need to insure the device as they deem appropriate.

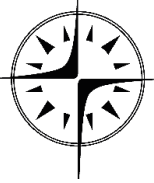
- Bring Your Own Device. This model is a 'recommended platform model', whereby the College stipulates minimum specifications that support our Windows 10/11 platform. This means that students may purchase (or may already own) devices from a variety of brands and price points.
- Purchase a device via the purchase portal provided by JB Hi-Fi Education. This new purchase portal allows parents to purchase a device that matches the required specifications, select payment options that suit the family budget, and have it delivered ready for 2024.

Please visit the College's website at [www.investigator.sa.edu.au/byod](http://www.investigator.sa.edu.au/byod) for more information. If you have questions or feedback about the program, you can contact the Bring Your Own Device Delivery Team via email at [byod@investigator.sa.edu.au](mailto:byod@investigator.sa.edu.au)

Should your family require additional support or assistance in preparing for BYOD in 2024, please contact us and we will do our best to assist.

Yours sincerely

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- The introduction of our new online Learning Management System (Schoolbox)
- The technology-rich demands of Middle and Senior Schooling
- Full integration with the 21st century learning environment of the Middle and Senior Schools
- Different student learning styles and preferences
- Different student technical needs, depending on student subject choices and interests
- Equity of access because students may choose to purchase devices from a wide range of specifications and prices
- Continuous access to learning programs should schools be required to return to remote learning

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