Bring Your Own Technologies (BYOT) Program 2014

The Norwood Morialta High School (NMHS) is committed to providing its students with a quality, internationally recognised education that prepares them for their life in the 21st Century. This includes providing ‘Anytime, Anywhere’ access to laptops, enabling students to use new teaching and learning tools, including the school’s eLearning environment and other Web 2.0 technologies, that are increasingly becoming an integral part of working life. Students at NMHS are expected to have a laptop with them at each of their lessons.

NMHS students have been participating in a laptop program, since 2010. For 2014 the school has developed options for families to provide students with a laptop which meets their educational needs 24/7. A 1:1 laptop environment is now seen as a 1: the world where each student is able to connect globally, learn collaboratively and use their laptop as a creative ideas device.

There are three options available to the students of NMHS.

Option 1 will include:

- Purchase a supported laptop through the school’s negotiated vendor.
  - This option includes an annual subscription to the Microsoft Office and access to Adobe suite. NB: the Adobe suite will be delivered via virtualisation.

- Benefits of these devices:
  - All devices on offer are designed to allow students to produce as well as consume.
  - These are all Windows 8 based devices allowing compatibility with most home and business technologies.
  - Some of these devices also allow the use of the swipe technology used in iPads without the limitations of iPads; eg use of Flash Animations, Silverlight and other software used in the school curriculum.
  - They also have the flexibility of USB ports for data transfer.
  - Devices to have at least an 8 hour battery life.

- There are additional benefits of this option:
  - 3 year accidental warranty – this is optional for families but is offered as a packaged rate.
  - On-site repair (hot swaps available) – as part of the 3 year accidental warranty.
  - NB: ACER devices have an excess of $100 for first repair and $150 thereafter.

- NB: Access to Adobe from home is via your internet connection. In areas where this is poor Adobe will not be available from home.
- The devices available through this option are detailed on our website.

Option 2:

- Purchase your own personally selected laptop that meets NMHS educational requirements.
  - Your own personally selected laptop will only have access to the NMHS network if it meets these requirements.
    - This means it must be able to emulate Windows in order to use software used in the school curriculum including Flash Animations (Adobe Suite), Silverlight etc.
    - You will also need to purchase a licence for Microsoft Office Suite (2010 or above).
Adobe Suite will be provided by the school via virtualisation. NB: Access to Adobe from home is via your internet connection. In areas where this is poor Adobe will not be available from home.

You may wish to consider purchasing accidental damage cover and extended warranty for your device.

Your device must have an 8 hour battery life.

You will be unable to recharge at school as your device has not undergone an electrical testing process required by DECD.

- The benefits of this option are:
  - You will be able to choose a device which suits your student’s needs and interests.

- Please beware that:
  - Because this is not under a service agreement our ICT staff will be unable to assist with issues that are not related to our school network access.
  - Because there is no accidental warranty you will be responsible for organising and paying for the costs of repair or replacement.
  - You will be unable to connect to the school’s network until your device has been approved by the ICT Network Manager.

Option 3:
- Borrow a NMHS loan laptop.
  - Please beware that these laptops are older devices with shorter battery charge life, heavier and without a solid state drive which is more susceptible to ‘bump’ damage and consequent data loss.
  - If you are a new student to the school and wishing to have a loan laptop you will need to register this with the ICT team at the school. Please email dl.0787.ictsupport@schools.sa.edu.au your student’s name and year level in 2014. In doing so the school will ensure a loan laptop is available for your student at the start of the school year.

The school has invested in developing an infrastructure to support a 1:World BYOT Scheme.

Management of data storage
- Students will need to ensure that an appropriate personal storage device is available.
- All students must ensure that they make regular back up of their work
- Students may choose to use ‘cloud’ storage for backup of work to ensure their work is accessible from a variety of devices.

User Agreement Form
Students will be required to sign the User Agreement Form with the full understanding that there is a code of conduct with regard to the use of any mobile technologies in the school.

How can I order?
The devices on offer will be supplied by DELL and ACER. We have three choices of models from each supplier.
More information regarding these models and devices are available from our website, along with information on how to order.
NB: All orders will be delivered directly to your nominated address.

How will I be able to access the NMHS network?
Students will be advised on how to do this on the first day of school in 2014.

We are excited about the impact that this scheme will have on the teaching and learning programs in our class rooms, and look forward to your participation in this important initiative.