



Carey
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Harrisdale

Policy - Technology for Students 2018

Carey Baptist College is committed to creating and maintaining an optimal learning environment for all students. This requires us to stay abreast of technological change to ensure the Carey learning experience is flexible, rigorous and safe.

One of our biggest challenges is managing the digital world of our students. Internet access is now critically important for all our students, but unmanaged access is unsafe and unproductive. Technology is also expensive, and we are sensitive to the fact that we have a responsibility to manage our resources well.

Our previous policy required families to provide any 'Apple' device, which includes the option of using an iPad. However, feedback from students and staff is that the Apple 'iPad' is not suitable for most students, with the majority of students now preferring a more traditional laptop device. We are also mindful that having a wide variety of devices in the classroom does create comparison and compatibility issues for students and the College.

New for 2018

From 2018 the College will commence with the issue of a Chromebook to all Year 7 students. Each student issued will be charged an annual 'Technology Levy' of \$180, which will cover the purchase price of the device, licensing and preinstalled applications. The Chromebook will remain the property of the College for three years, after which time the student may keep the device. It is envisaged that a similar policy will come into place for these cohorts as they transition into Years 10-12.

Damage/Repairs

The student is expected to take all reasonable steps in caring for the device during the issue period. The Technology Levy has a low level of insurance and software licensing built in. Should a student damage the Chromebook beyond repair, an additional fee of \$100 will be charged. Minor damage costs will also incur an appropriate charge. Any willful or negligent damage will result in the full cost of a replacement being charged to the tuition fee account.

Years 8-12 (2018)

For older students not yet issued with a Chromebook, the previous BYOD policy will remain in place, which required students to supply their own Apple device of at least the size of a mini iPad. **Year 8-12 students may now also bring in their own Chromebook.** The cost of replacement and responsibility for care and management of the device lies with the student and their family. Parents are encouraged to consider home insurance options.

Acceptable Use

The device is a tool for learning and use of it in classrooms will be at the discretion of individual teachers. All use is subject to the IT Agreement that has been signed by students and families. Students are expected to abide by the terms of this agreement at all times. The College IT Agreement applies for use of any device used on campus. Once the signed IT Agreement has been returned to the College, the IT Department will allow individual students access to the College network on their own device.

- For existing students, no action is required, as the College has a signed IT Agreement on file.
- New students to the College will be required to return the signed IT Agreement.
- Where the IT Policy is updated families will be required to sign necessary changes.