



COOLUM BEACH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

1 December 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

From the Digital Coach

What is CYOD?

CYOD or Choose Your Own Device is the laptop policy at CBCC for purchasing devices for student use for Years 5 -12. We ask you to choose your device from a range of options across different price points. All of these options cover our base requirements for effective learning at school over the next 3 years.

Our decision to adopt a CYOD policy instead of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is to ensure that students have a device that meets the performance needs for their education, lowers cost to parents by providing devices that will last years before needing replacement, guarantees of the shortest down time in the event of the computer needing repair as well as the quickest repair and cheapest repair cost if accidental damage does occur.

PURCHASING YOUR DEVICE

We have chosen to partner with a supplier to help facilitate the purchase of these devices through a purchase portal via the College website, www.cbcc.qld.edu.au (under the enrolments menu).

We ask that you make your purchase through this portal. Doing so means you receive the following benefits:

- 0% interest rate on purchase plans available
- an additional 5% off purchase cost of the device
- HP Warranty: 3 years of onsite, next business day repair, 3 years of onsite accidental damage repair. **(This is optional and involves an additional cost but is highly recommended - select at checkout)**

In every instance where devices have failed in past years, it was because devices were purchased that didn't meet the requirements. We want your child's education to be positively impacted by technology, not negatively impacted by device issues, which is why for 2021 our device partner is HP.

If you have a warranty claim, a HP representative will be at the College the next business day fixing the computer and completely free of cost. Accidental damage claims are also repaired the next business day for free.

If you have any questions regarding which device to purchase, there is an online chat function available within the portal.

SOFTWARE INCLUSION

Students of CBCC are able to access Microsoft Office 365 and Malwarebytes Anti-Virus software for free. Download links, serial numbers and logins for these programs will be made available leading up to, or during Week 1 of Term 1, 2021.

FAMILY ZONE > PARENTAL CONTROL SOFTWARE

We are committed to ensuring our students get the very best education and in today's fast-moving times, technology is a key component. However, it's abundantly clear to all, that technology is exposing our children to risks. CBCC has partnered with Family Zone to mitigate this. Family Zone is Australia's leading provider of cyber safety and security services to schools and parental control products for parents. Accounts will be created for all parents of students who will be attending CBCC in 2021 and details of this will be emailed to the family primary contact email address we have on file for your family in January, 2021.

Where to from here?

1. Research which device will best suit your child, taking into consideration their hobbies and interests (eg. a child interested in photography would require a higher end device).
2. Choose an option and purchase the device through the CYOD portal, located under the 'enrolments' tab on our College website. Make sure that you use our log-in code and you will be able to view the range of devices you may choose from. You will also receive a 5% discount when using the discount code.

www.hp.com.au/byod is now live!!!

Your new school log-in code is: **CoolumBeachCC**

Your 2020 school discount code is: **coolum5%**

3. Log onto Parent Portal and ensure that your family email address and contact details are correct.
4. Use information sent to your primary contact email for details on installation of Family Zone and other free software available.
5. Please ensure you have a device acquired and ready for the start of the year. Your device will also need a protective carry bag to house it during transport and **students will need some effective earphones** with a microphone capacity. Your child will be bringing their device home every night and is required to bring it to school each day, fully charged.

Please note: Only devices that have been approved for use (those listed in the CYOD options) can connect to the school's wireless network.

Why CYOD?

Here at CBCC our goal is to continually improve the learning outcomes of our students and to nurture and grow Life Long Learners and Global Citizens. Technology has been changing the way people learn and interact since the beginning of time. However, teaching and learning these digital skills, and different ways of working with technology, information and communicating, need to be based on sound evidence and positive educational experiences and outcomes for our students. At CBCC our journey into the digital world has been prayerfully and professionally considered.

Over the past few years we have continued to improve our network and increase our capacity to run more wireless devices throughout the school. In 2018 the BYOD platform was implemented for the first time in Year 6. Whilst overall it was a great success we still had a few devices that were not meeting the advised specifications given by the school. This resulted in these students not being able to access some of their learning or not being able to complete tasks effectively due to a device that simply couldn't meet the demands of the task. We also had some students who were without a device for weeks, waiting on repairs, again making it difficult for them to maintain some aspects of their learning, especially assignment work.

For these reasons, we decided to move to a CYOD platform in 2019. Due to its obvious success we plan to continue to provide a CYOD platform in 2021 which has now expanded to also include students of Year 5. As the CYOD Policy explains in more detail, you will have several devices to choose from, all of which will meet the minimum specifications. Our reasons for going through the chosen supplier are also mentioned – their repair system is fast and efficient, with a replacement device offered should a repair be required. In addition, the devices they supply meet our needs at a price point that should suit all families.

For parents of Year 5 and Year 6 students in 2021, I would like to reassure you that these devices will not be placed in your child's hands without the correct precautions and training here at school. Students will complete some cyber safety and digital citizenship classes before they can access the network and use their device in class and this training will commence in week 1 of 2021. They will then engage in a regular digital citizenship lesson each week. Parents will also be supported throughout this digital journey. To assist families, the College will provide every family with free access to Family Zone, one of the best internet filtering software providers available. As the year progresses we will also provide useful information and tutorials via MyCool to assist you and your students when navigating our platforms and programs at home.

We are excited to commence this journey with you and your child.

Please read through and sign our CYOD policy which is also attached to this email.

Should you have any concerns or queries please contact myself or our Head of ICT, Aaron Fritz.
afritz@cbcc.qld.edu.au

Kind regards,

Frances McLaren
CBCC Digital Coach & DigiTech Teacher
fmclaren@cbcc.qld.edu.au

knowledge · wisdom · love

Coolum Beach Christian College / Cnr Yandina-Coolum and Arcoona Roads / PO Box 480 / Coolum Beach Q 4573 / Australia
P +61 (7) 5446 4780 / **F** +61 (7) 5446 4893 / **E** admin@cbcc.qld.edu.au / www.cbcc.qld.edu.au
ABN 74 102 732 301 / CRICOS No. 02954M