Bring Your Own Device Policy and Procedures

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Policy

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is encouraged at Hawker College. BYOD augments other resources to provide students with enhanced access to information anywhere, at any time. Students are required to use their own devices in a responsible way, in accordance with the Hawker College Cybersafety Student Agreement, which they sign on enrolling at the college.

Students are not required to provide their own devices. There are options provided by the college for access to the student IT network, including student PCs, netbooks and iPads.

Definitions

- Bring Your Own Device in the context of this policy means students bringing a personally owned device and accessing the college wireless network to undertake activities related to college programs.
- Devices covered by this policy include portable devices with wireless communication capabilities, such as tablets (such as iPads), mobile phones, laptops and netbooks.

Procedures

- Students who wish to use their own device for wireless access to the student network at the college must register their device with the IT Officer, who will record the device ID and establish access for the device on the wireless network.
- In order to gain access to the wireless network, students will authenticate in the usual way (as they would on any other device, such as college PCs on Ethernet connections or college netbooks using wireless access within the college. This requires the use of a user name and password registered for use on the student network.
- To achieve functional access, the student’s device will need to be compliant with current standards. There are several platforms on mobile devices that are compatible with standards, including current versions of iOS, Android and Windows Mobile.
- Students using their own devices on the college network should set up secure access to their device, to prevent fraudulent use of their device by someone else.
- Up-to-date anti-malware protection should be installed on the portable device. Advice may be available from someone familiar with a particular device, but the college will not be responsible for setup on any device, which the owner should undertake.
- The college, the Education and Training Directorate and the ACT Government are not liable for loss of, or damage to, a personal device while the device is on college premises. Families may wish to consider insurance for the device.
- The college reserves the right to inspect the device if it is believed that Acceptable Use or BYOD policies have been violated.
- Students must follow guidelines given by teachers as to appropriate use of devices and must observe teachers’ directions when asked not to use personal devices during lessons.
- Students must comply with privacy provisions of the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy (local name: Hawker College Cybersafety Student Agreement).

Affordability

- There is no requirement that students should bring their own devices or that they should bring a laptop to college.
- Note that, with the abolition of the Mineral Resource Rent Tax, the Schoolkids bonus and its income tax exemption provisions are likely to be repealed with effect from 1 July 2014.

References

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