



BYOD Policy

Purpose

Northfields International School is committed to providing a technology-enriched learning environment that empowers students to be active participants in their education. Our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programme supports this vision by allowing students to bring personal laptops to school to support learning activities across all year levels.

The aim is not to learn from technology, but to learn with technology — using it as a tool for collaboration, inquiry, research, and creativity.

Why BYOD?

Our students are digital natives, immersed in technology in their everyday lives. With a unified BYOD programme:

- Learning becomes more flexible, personalised, and relevant.
- Students can access digital platforms and tools across subjects.
- It supports the development of 21st-century skills: communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and digital literacy.

Device Guidelines

Permitted Devices

All students must bring a personal Windows laptop that meets or exceeds the specifications below. Tablets and other mobile devices that are compatible with our systems may be used for the moment but will no longer be part of the BYOD programme as from August 2027.

Note: Mobile phones may be used only by students of Years 12 and 13 to listen to music during independent work and must be kept in pockets or bags otherwise. Gaming devices are strictly prohibited.

Minimum Device Specifications

Component	Minimum Requirement
Device Type	Windows laptop
Processor	Intel Core i3 (11th Gen or later) or AMD Ryzen 3 (3000 series or later)
RAM	8 GB
Storage	256 GB SSD
Battery Life	Minimum 5 hours on a full charge
Screen Size	14 inches or larger
Wireless	Wi-Fi 5 (802.11ac) or better
Operating System	Windows 11 (Home or Pro)

Optional but recommended:

- Portable laptop power bank
- Protective laptop sleeve or case



- USB or wireless mouse (if needed for comfort)

Software Requirements

- All student laptops must have the following installed:
Microsoft Office 365: Word, Excel, PowerPoint (provided by the school)
- Updated antivirus software
- Latest Windows updates installed

BYOD Acceptable Use Policy

1. Students and parents/guardians must read and sign this BYOD Policy and the School's Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).
2. Students must take full responsibility for the use and safekeeping of their device. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft.
3. Parents are responsible for costs related to maintenance, damage, or replacement of devices.
4. Devices must be secured with passwords and stored safely when not in use (e.g., in lockers).
5. Students must comply with all staff instructions regarding device usage in class.
6. Devices must be fully charged before school; charging stations are currently not provided. A power bank is advised.
7. Devices are for learning purposes only during school hours. Use during breaks and lunch is not permitted.
8. Personal devices must not contain or access inappropriate content on school premises.
9. Recording, photographing, or filming staff or students is strictly prohibited without school and individual consent.
10. The school may install additional software for security or educational purposes.
11. Students must use the school Wi-Fi for learning. Use of mobile data (3G/4G/5G) and VPN/Proxy apps are not allowed during school hours.
12. The school reserves the right to inspect or monitor student devices during school hours.
13. The school reserves the right to update this policy as required.

Sign-Off and Agreement

I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the terms of the Northfields BYOD Policy and the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), and I agree to abide by them.

Student Name [IN CAPITALS]: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name [IN CAPITALS]: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____