



The Port Augusta Secondary School Governing Council endorsed the Technology Tools initiative which took effect from term 1 2020. They would now like to extend this opportunity of One Student, One Device across all year levels from the commencement of the 2021 school year. Please refer to page 2 which outlines the rationale for this initiative. Available options are detailed below.

YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS

All year 11 and 12 students will require their own device. Families can choose from option 1 (BYOD) or option 2 (hire) as detailed below. Families can also apply through our Equity for all Students scheme (see Further Information below).

YEAR 8 – 10 STUDENTS

From term 1, 2021, year 8 to 10 students will have the opportunity to have their own device. Families can choose from option 1 (BYOD) or option 2 (hire) as detailed below. Families can also apply through our Equity for all Students scheme (see Further Information below). Students of families not taking up this opportunity will still have access to school owned devices during lesson times via a booking system.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS (YES, IPP/SKILL, SAASTA, LEARNING HUB)

School owned devices will be available in specialist program areas dependent on need.

OPTION 1 - BYOD

Bring your own device (BYOD) from home, or purchase a new device through your preferred supplier. To assist families with pricing research please visit the school website <http://pass.sa.edu.au> (click on Technology Tools – BYOD, then BYOD Parent Portal). When purchasing devices please ensure they meet the minimum specifications as detailed below.

Families choosing this option may be eligible for '2020 to 2022 Rebate Scheme'. See below.

OPTION 2 – Hire a school owned device

Pay \$120 hire fee per school calendar year for a device which meets all specifications, enabling 24 hour 7 days per week access.

An instalment plan of \$30 per term is available. Large families may be eligible for reduced hire fees.

Please contact Student Services to discuss.

An agreement form must be completed, prior to hiring a device.

Devices need to be returned by the end of November each year to be checked and updated.

NOTE: Office 365 is available for free to all DFE students.

Instructions on how to access this are on the school's website. Click on 'Technology Tools - BYOD'.

Further Information

Governing Council acknowledge that some families may not be in a position to purchase or hire a device. However we would like to come to an arrangement allowing families to provide the opportunity for their child to have a 1:1 device if they feel this would be beneficial to their learning. Please contact Student Services who can assist you in applying under our Equity for all Students scheme. A form for this is also available on the school website, click on Technology Tools – BYOD. Families may also be eligible for the Australian Government supported No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS). For information go to <https://nils.com.au/> - type 'Port Augusta' into 'find your nearest provider'.

2020 to 2022 – Rebate Scheme

Families choosing option 1 may be eligible for a rebate from Governing Council of \$25 per term (\$100 per year) credit which can be utilised for payment of school fees, uniforms or excursions. This offer is available for a 3 year period from 2020 to 2022. Therefore if you opt for BYOD from 2020 to 2022, you will be entitled to a total \$300 credit to be spent at the school. Credits will be issued each term. BYOD agreement forms will need to be completed through the Resource Technology Centre (RTC).

To be eligible for \$100 per year credit, devices must be consistently used at school, sufficiently charged ready for use and meet our recommended minimum specifications:

Specifications	Year 8 to 10	Year 11 to 12
Processor	Core i3 (6 th gen) or equivalent	Core i5 (6 th gen) or equivalent
Memory	4GB	8GB
Storage (hard disk)	128GB	128GB
Battery capacity	up to 12 hours	up to 12 hours
Screen*	11.6"	13.3"
Operating system	Windows 10	Windows 10

Please note: chromebooks do not meet minimum specifications – our network does not support them

*anti-glare screen is recommended

RATIONALE

AIM

Students to have the opportunity for a 1:1 device (1 student:1 laptop), providing them with appropriate technology supporting their learning and increasing opportunities for successful educational outcomes.

Governing Council have endorsed the Technology Tools initiative to allow all students this opportunity.

BACKGROUND

The government provided funding under a program known as the Digital Education Revolution (DER). This program was introduced to assist secondary schools improve the ratio of devices for students in years 9 to 12. The funding was very much appreciated and helped to increase the availability of technology to our students. When funding was removed the school tried to continue to provide the same level of technology reached through the DER but this was at the detriment to other areas requiring resourcing within the school. This is no longer sustainable.

The introduction of Technology Tools at the beginning of 2020 provided opportunities for more students to access technology. Families choosing the BYOD option are being supported by provision of a rebate. Families choosing to hire a device are giving their children the opportunity of having a 1:1 device 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Key benefits

- Increased class/instruction time – less class time used in borrowing a device.
- Device is available for the entire school day; students are not restricted by unavailable school devices.
- Improved self-reliance – learning to be organised and autonomous.
- Being able to complete work at home started during a lesson at school.
- Learning / exposure to / keeping up with, digital skills needed for life.
- Improved hygiene – not using shared devices.
- Allows for more flexibility in the classroom with spontaneous delivery of content.
- Provides opportunity for improvements to the school, eg facilities (indoor/outdoor activity spaces), classroom equipment and furniture.