

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) - Recommended by School

BYOD Information for Parents

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The International Section at KIS is committed to implement new innovative practices and technologies to enhance teaching and learning using various digital tools in and outside classrooms.

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), recommended by school programme, is one of the ambitious project which was implemented in 2018, for our secondary students. We are into the 5th year of this project and we are happy to announce that we are expanding this programme to our upper primary Year 6.

As a part of this BYOD programme, the primary (Y6), secondary (Y7-Y13 & SBS & SBP-16) and new students in the International section will have to bring the hybrid device (MS Surface Pro) with digital pen to school.

Parents will be informed about the procedures to purchase the school recommended device towards the end of term 2. The school will facilitate the purchase of the device through HKT, which is the frontline sales service provider for the vendor.

The BYOD programme is compulsory for all current and new students from Y6 to Y13, Springboard Secondary and Post-16 students. No external devices will be allowed in classrooms. The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Student-Parent Agreement should be signed and returned to the school before using the device in school.

The school has made the purchase of this device compulsory for your child due to the following reasons:

- Use of digital pen is important to the new pedagogy that the school is embracing for teaching and learning using technology in classrooms across curriculum, from 2018 school year onwards
- The school has followed the windows platform from early years, primary and secondary during ICT lessons, which makes it easier for students to work on windows based platform, used by majority of the firms around the world
- The new devices purchased will be configured by HKTE as recommended by school so that it is not vulnerable to cyber-attacks and other security threats
- All students will have the same hybrid laptop device (2 in 1 with digital pen), this ensures students are having the same configuration and software for their devices which minimizes troubleshooting of devices that can lead to productive use of technology tools during lesson time
- The device will also be configured to include user accounts for students, parents and teachers with installation permission limited to parents and teachers. Parents are advised not to share the device password with their child.
- The new devices will have 3 years extended warranty for the tablet only. No warranty for accessories is provided by the vendor. The school can assist with the drop-off and pick-up service, if needed. In addition, there is also an optional upgraded specification and accidental damage cover which the school strongly recommends in case of accidental damage. The school will not be responsible for any damages to the student devices.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for BYOD Programme

Is the BYOD Programme Compulsory?

The BYOD programme is compulsory for primary Y6 and all Secondary students (Y7-Y13, SBS & Post 16).

Will the students have an option to bring their own device?

The students need to buy the model device recommended by the school as a part of the BYOD programme. No other device model will be allowed to school.

Can we buy a similar Surface Pro device recommended by school with digital pen but with a higher configuration?

A higher device specification option is given to students with an additional cost. You may refer to the Order Form and/or the tech spec datasheet.

What are the different payment options available for the BYOD programme?

Cheque or Credit Card are acceptable for the BYOD programme as mentioned in the HKTE order form. Take note that Credit Card installment options are available at the annual roadshow only (the HKTE roadshow is temporarily suspended due to the current pandemic restrictions).

How do I place an order for the BYOD device?

The order forms will be emailed out in April. Parents can complete the order form and mail HKTE along with the payment. Due to the recent regulations on crowds control resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, HKT Education has cancelled the roadshow in school temporarily. You may also request to email the order form if needed, from the IS office or contact: Mr. Murphy Hui (mhui@kis.edu.hk).

What software will be installed before the device is delivered to students?

The basic software categories will be pre-installed on student's device - Antivirus, Office tools, Multimedia players, Editing tools, Browsers, Educational apps related to teaching and learning etc. Besides this, there will be users accounts created on student device for Student, Parent & Teacher. Parents and school support staff will be authorised to install software as needed. Parents are suggested not to share their account information with their child.

Can we bring a similar device recommended by school with stylus which has already been purchased by parents in the past?

If you have purchased a similar model device with digital pen and minimum spec mentioned, you may bring this device to school in the beginning of the new school year. The technology department will check the device for approval. If approved, we will recommend parent to create user login accounts and install the software required by the school through HKTE service. The school will not be responsible for any technical or warranty support for such devices.

Whom should I contact for order status, configuration, delivery or pick-up dates?

If you have any enquiries, please call to HKT Education Limited on 1833 282 during office hours (Mon-Fri 9am – 6pm).