

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions	Answers
Why is BYOD no longer required in Year 1?	Research shows that younger children learn best through hands-on, play-based and collaborative activities. At this age, strong foundations in literacy, numeracy, and social/emotional skills are better developed without heavy reliance on devices.
Does this mean Pallara is moving away from technology?	Not at all. From Year 2 onwards, students will continue to participate in our successful BYOD program. Year 1 students will also have access to shared technology in the classroom to support their learning when appropriate.
What if I've already bought a device for my child starting Year 1?	Your child will still need their device from Year 2 onwards, so your investment will not be wasted.
Will my child fall behind in digital skills compared to previous Year 1 students?	No. Children are developmentally ready to benefit from device use from Year 2 onwards. They will still receive a strong foundation in technology and digital learning, at the right time.
Isn't this a step backwards after years of promoting BYOD?	No. We are proud of our BYOD program and the benefits it has delivered across the school. This change is about tailoring learning to what is most effective for younger students, not about reducing our commitment to technology.
Did parents have input into this decision?	Yes. Parent representatives and our P&C; have shared concerns that BYOD in Year 1 often caused stress, with devices sometimes breaking, being lost, or not being used as intended. We listened to this feedback when making the change.
How will the Year 1 curriculum be delivered without BYOD?	Our teachers are excited about the opportunity to focus on engaging, hands-on learning. The junior campus will maintain the same strong pedagogy and high expectations as the main campus.
What's the biggest benefit for my child?	Less stress and more time for meaningful, developmentally appropriate learning experiences. Teachers can focus on building the core skills that will set students up for success throughout their schooling.