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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Therefore, AUS has decided to implement a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy. In this initiative, students are encouraged to bring their personal technology devices (PDs) to the classroom to enhance their learning experiences.

The mobile devices will be used for research and curriculum purposes to enhance modern, 21st Century learning: collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking to make decisions and solve problems.

Students may have to use their own personal devices (PDs) in most lessons. Wireless access is available to students and this has been created solely to enhance learning experiences. Connecting to the AUS student wireless network is a privilege, not a right.

Permission to bring and use a PD depends upon adherence to AUS guidelines. If a PD is used by a student for malicious purposes or to cause disruption to the educational environment, student privileges may be revoked immediately or limited. Further disciplinary actions may be taken where considered appropriate.

DEFINITION OF PERSONAL DEVICE

For the purposes of BYOD, a PD is a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand-held device or equipment. The use of mobile phones as a BOYD is not acceptable.

No student will be permitted to use personal technology devices unless the agreement is signed and returned and we have registered the PD serial number and registration for use on our system.

PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICE RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- Students may use a personal device on the AUS network only after signing the Responsible Use Agreement which must be also signed by parents.
- Students must only access the Internet through the approved school network.
- Any device with a VPN will be confiscated and result in further action.
- Students will assume responsibility for any technical issues related to their personal device.
- Sixth Form students keep their PDs throughout the day and are solely responsible for their safety and security.
- The student is solely responsible for any equipment that he/she brings to school. AUS is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment.
- Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- Students can only access files on their device or Internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum or suggested by a teacher. Any other use/downloads are specifically banned.
- AUS is not responsible for any software/apps and antivirus installation and updates.
- Students must ensure that their personal device does not disrupt the learning of others, endanger the health or safety of anyone, invade the rights of others at school or be involved in illegal or prohibited conduct of any kind. Instances of cyberbullying will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.
- Students will not use a personal device to take pictures or video at any time during the school day or on school grounds, unless authorised by the classroom teacher for instructional purposes only.
- Students are not permitted to take, transmit or post photographic images/videos of any person on campus on public and/or social networking sites. Students should understand that such actions may be illegal under Dubai/UAE law. Disciplinary procedures will be taken and offences may also be referred to Dubai Police.

- Any photographs/video/images of staff or students must be taken only with the consent of the teacher and the person involved and relate directly to curriculum tasks. These should be deleted immediately after use
- Use of personal or school devices to access social media sites at any time is specifically banned.
- Students must not attempt to gain access to any restricted/unauthorised area/system or bypass school network and security systems.
- Students must not attempt to use any software, utilities or any other means to access Internet sites or content that is blocked by AUS or Dubai/UAE filters.
- Students understand that AUS has the right to collect and examine any device if it is suspected that the student has violated the BYOD Policy or engaged in misconduct when using the device in school, where a device may be causing problems or is suspected of being the source of an attack or virus.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation may result in the loss of my technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action. During the course of the school year, additional rules regarding the use of personal devices may be added.

Device details

Make/model: _____

Serial No: _____

Student ID: _____ Year & Section: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Name (CAPITAL LETTERS): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____