

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## REQUESTING PARENT PAYMENTS FOR DIGITAL DEVICES – ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

### WAYS PARENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE

#### Requesting contributions for school-owned devices

- Schools can invite Curriculum Contributions from parents for school-owned devices.
- This includes devices that the school has either purchased or leased and which are shared, loaned on a one-to-one basis, or given to students to keep.
- Schools can also request Curriculum Contributions for other ICT equipment, infrastructure and support.

#### Inviting parents to supply or purchase devices

- Schools can invite parents to supply or purchase digital devices to use and own.
- This includes devices that parents purchase or loan from a third party, or devices that parents already own.
- Schools can specify an exact device, a range of preferred devices, devices that meet minimum standards or allow any device.
- Schools can specify bundled insurance, apps, software and peripherals for their recommended device.



### IMPLEMENTING YOUR DEVICE PROGRAM

- Parents are not obliged to provide a device. If a student does not provide their own device, the school must ensure the student has free and equitable access to what is needed to access the school's delivery of the Curriculum.
- Schools are not required to ensure students have free access to devices on a one-to-one basis. However, schools must determine a reasonable level of resourcing to ensure students have access to the relevant items for the duration they are required, including items required for homework.
- Curriculum Contributions are voluntary, and students will not be disadvantaged whether contributions are made or not. For example, if a school is allowing a cohort of students to take home or keep school-owned devices, the same arrangements must apply for the entire cohort, not just for those who have made a contribution.



### COMMUNICATING YOUR DEVICE PROGRAM

When communicating to parents about any device program, including school-owned devices and devices brought from home:



- Schools must not state that any payment to the school or a third party is compulsory, required, mandatory or any other equivalent.
- Schools must not indicate that it is compulsory for students to purchase their own digital devices.
- Schools must not invite parents to contribute to or pay for department-funded ICT services or software.
- The school must ensure all students have equitable access to what they need to access the school's delivery of the Curriculum.