POLICY STATEMENT:

The purpose of this policy is to outline for teachers, parents and caregivers the procedures for integrating technology use across the school context, such as computer hardware, software, personal electronic devices, Internet and Social Media. This policy will also outline “Bring your own device” (BYOD) information and requirements.

APPLICABILITY:

At Northlakes High School, we value Technology in the classroom in its ability to improve student engagement and student outcomes. The DoE policy and policy standards specify what is required, for all students, K-12, in all NSW Government schools. Technology implemented at Northlakes High School shall be in accordance with the requirements of these current Department Policies. It is expected that the students at Northlakes High School should follow teacher instructions when using technology at all times.

D.E. POLICY/PROCEDURE REFERENCE:

Website: [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/policiesintra/category/](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/policiesintra/category/) for the following:

- Digital Education Revolution - NSW Policy (LNK, October 2013)
- Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students
- NLHS School Technology Policy 2016 (full version)

DEFINITIONS:

NLHS Technology Policy incorporates the following terms:

- **PEDs** – Personalised electronic devices that students and staff may use when at school, these include: mobile phones, iPads, iWatch, Tablets, Laptops and wearable devices

- **Internet and social Media** - The use of the Internet at Northlakes High School is given to all students provided they do not violate the conditions of the DoE Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students Policy. The failure to follow these guidelines will result in the loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action where appropriate.

- **Laptops** - Access to internet and online communication tools at school will assist students to develop the information and communication skills necessary to use the internet effectively and appropriately.

- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** - Northlakes High School empowers its students and gives them direct involvement in the way they use technology in their learning. This program allows students to bring to school their own forms of Technology (within specified guidelines) and use these devices in the classroom under teacher direction.
RATIONALE:
This Policy is intended to:

- Provide access to educational resources and reference materials.
- Reinforce the specific subject matter taught.
- Develop the use of critical thinking skills.
- Teach socially appropriate forms of civil discourse and expression.
- Enable students to use technology to further their learning, independently and in structured lessons.
- Provide a basis on which Northlakes High School teachers can continue to tailor lesson delivery so that students can use their devices in class toward specific learning outcomes.

PROCEDURES:
Students at Northlakes High School are offered access to the internet and other resources on the school’s network. This access is a privilege and students are required to use the network safely, effectively and responsibly. Inappropriate use will result in temporary or permanent cancellation of network privileges.

Northlakes High School will provide a BYOD User Charter to list the responsibilities and expectations of each student and their families in the BYOD program.

Northlakes High School has published a Device Specifications document that describes the requirements for devices brought to school. This Device Specification may include requirements for devices specifications such as:

- Size or form factor
- Network connectivity
- Operating system and standard software
- Input method
- Security measures
- Battery runtime
- Other device feature or software requirements determined by the school