The Personal Learning Device (PLD) Initiative

Briefing for Parents

**A PRESENTATION BY
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Yishun Town Secondary School's PLD

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The National Digital Literacy Programme and the PLD Initiative

An Overview

The National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

1. The NDLP was launched in March 2020 to help students **strengthen their digital literacy and acquire digital skills** needed to navigate an increasingly digitalised world.

2. Under the NDLP, every secondary school student will **own a school-prescribed Personal Learning Device (PLD)**. Students may use funds from their Edusave Account to pay for the PLD.

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Intended Outcomes of the PLD Initiative

The use of the PLD for teaching and learning aims to:

Support the Development of Digital Literacy

Support Self-Directed and Collaborative Learning

Enhance Teaching and Learning

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How will your child/ward use the PLD?

At Yishun Town Secondary School, your child/ward will be using the PLD to

■ Leverage on Cloud platforms such as SLS, MS Teams and Google Drive to curate and self-manage learning.

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Supporting Students in the Safe and Effective Use of the Devices

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The school has measures in place to enable a safer digital environment for learning with the use of PLDs, e.g.

- School rules on digital device use

- Classroom management and routines

- Cyber Wellness Education in CCE

- Partnering parents/guardians to support students in their use of technology for learning

- Device Management Application (DMA) to support a safer digital environment for learning

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Parents'/Guardians' Role

- We would like to partner parents/guardians so that students are well supported in their use of technology for learning.

- As parents/guardians, you can help in the following ways:
  - Model good digital habits for your child/ward e.g. parents/guardians not using devices during family meals.
  - Know your child/ward well, and have conversations with your child/ward about safe and responsible use of technology.
  - Discuss and come up with ground rules for internet/device usage that both your child/ward and you can agree with.
  - Encourage your child/ward to use productivity tools using his/her PLD, to organise information and simplify tasks for efficiency.

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Role of the DMA in Providing a Safer Digital Environment for Learning

DMA Installation

- The iPad Device Management Application (DMA) solution, Jamf, will be installed on all students' devices to provide a safe learning experience for students. The DMA will be funded by MOE. The DMA will be funded by MOE.

- DMA will be installed after the collection of the device. Students will be guided on the installation.

- The installation of DMA applies to both devices purchased through the school and any student-owned devices that parents/guardians opt for the student to use in lieu of the school-prescribed PLD.

- The DMA will be uninstalled from the device when students graduate or leave the school.

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After-School DMA Parent Options

1. After-School DMA Parent Options provide parents with the flexibility in managing your child's/ward's use of PLD after school hours.
2. The following tables outline the different levels of restrictions, controls, and monitoring for each After-School DMA Parent Option.

Default	Option A	Option B
In-school DMA settings will continue after school hours	**DMA settings can be modified by Parents/Guardians after school hours**	**DMA will be inactive* after school hours**
For parents/guardians who want their child's/ward's use of the device to be restricted only to teaching and learning, and prefer to leave it to the school to decide on DMA settings after school hours.	For parents/guardians who prefer to take charge of the level of restrictions for their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours regulated by the DMA.	For parents/guardians who do not want their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours to be regulated by the DMA at all.

*No data will be collected after school hours when the DMA is inactive.

- Having default school settings continue after school hours is the best option for parents/guardians who prefer not to, or do not feel ready to manage their child's/ward's device use on their own.
- Parents/guardians can request to change their choice of DMA settings, which is the existing practice.

Data Collected by the DMA

The DMA does **<u>NOT</u>** collect any of the following data:

- Login IDs and passwords entered into websites or into any applications
- Actions performed (e.g. posts, online comments, items added to a shopping cart, etc.) when visiting websites and using apps
- Documents and photos stored in the PLDs
- PLD location
- Webcam videos and microphone recordings

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Device and Funding Information

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The school chose the device because of:

- Portability

- Durability

- T&L Affordances

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Technical Support for Students' Devices

Technical support will be provided to students through:

- Service Desk set up in school during breaks and after school on a weekly basis
  - Troubleshooting of device issues
  - Solve connectivity issues
  - Collection of devices to be sent for repairs
- iPad service centres
  - Repair of devices (hardware issues)

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- **The cost of the device bundle can be paid using your child's/ward's Edusave account,** after setting aside provision for payment of miscellaneous fees.

- To ensure the affordability of devices, MOE has provided additional Edusave top-ups of $200 in 2020 to 2022, and $300 in 2023, to all eligible Singaporean students in primary and secondary schools.

- This is on top of the annual $290 credited into the Edusave account for Secondary School students and $230 for Primary School students.

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- For SC students who are on MOE Financial Assistance Scheme or whose family's monthly income meets the following criteria:

    Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤ $3,000, or

    Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤ $750

    MOE will subsidise 50% of device bundle cost or $350, whichever is lower.

- The remaining amount will be payable from the students' Edusave account. If there is insufficient balance in the students' Edusave account for the remaining amount, MOE will provide additional subsidy so that the cash out-of-pocket (OOP) is $0.

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- For SC students whose family's monthly income is:

  $3,000 < Gross Household Income (GHI) ≤ $4,400, or

  $750 < Per Capita Income (PCI) ≤ $1,100

  MOE will subsidise 30% of device bundle cost or $200, whichever is lower.

- The remaining amount will be payable from the students' Edusave account. If there is insufficient balance in the students' Edusave account for the remaining amount, MOE will provide additional subsidy so that the cash out-of-pocket (OOP) is not more than $50.

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- SC students whose family's monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) > $4,400 or monthly Per Capita Income (PCI) > $1,100, no subsidy will be provided. Parents/Guardians can use their child's/ward's Edusave or cash to defray the device bundle cost.

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What's Next?

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Time Frame	Activity
10 – 17 January 2025	Submit **Parental Consent for the Purchase of Personal Learning Device (PLD)** via the link in PG. Parents without access to Singpass can submit their consent via hardcopy, which includes the following: • Intent to Purchase Personal Learning Device (PLD) • Standing Order for Use of Edusave Account (for Singapore Citizens) • Authorisation Form
By 7 March 2025	(If required) Parent/Guardian to make payment via ▪ Giro ▪ SGQR (Nets/PayNow) ▪ SAM channels ▪ Cash and cheque at school General Office
End of Term 1, 2025	Collection of devices by students

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Collection of Devices

If you would like to personally/have another adult to verify the condition of the device during collection with your child/ward:

- You may arrange to collect the device **at the vendor's service/collection centre*** or appoint an adult proxy to do so.

- Your child/ward would need to bring the device to school and arrange for the school's IT department to install the DMA.

Please approach the school for further advice or clarification if you would like to make this arrangement.

*Parents/Guardians (or adult proxy) will **<u>not</u>** be able to collect the PLD from the school.

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Important Contacts / Helplines

To access / find out more about…	Contact / Helpline
This deck of slides	https://www.yishuntownsec.moe.edu.sg/
Edusave balance	6260 0777
Financial assistance	6758 7219

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