BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) 
Your questions answered.....

Why would Sylvania Heights Public School have a BYOD program? 
It would allow students greater access to technology. The current school devices could be used by students across the school, resulting in even more students K-6 having greater access to enhance teaching and learning programs.

What will the students do if, for any reason, they don't have a personal device? 
The school is equipped with enough devices to cater for these students, therefore providing equity.

Whose responsibility is it if the device is broken, lost or stolen? 
The students. The agreement and policy state this.

Where will the devices be kept before class starts? 
 Devices will need to be kept in school bags before class commences. Students should keep their bags with them during this time if they are carrying a device.

Where will the devices be at recess and lunch? 
Devices will be locked in rooms at recess and lunch. Children will not be allowed to take them to the playground.

Do the devices get taken home each night or stay at school? 
Yes. Devices are not to be left at school. Most Stage Three classes use devices Mon- Thurs, but teachers will specify which days they will need to be brought in.

What happens if they are used inappropriately? 
Students sign a contract agreeing to use the devices appropriately. If they do not they will be banned from using the device at the discretion of the executive.

Will books be used in class still? 
Yes. All lessons will continue to be delivered as per usual. Technology supplements and enhances learning experiences.

How is work monitored? 
School work will be monitored as it is with any school activity; through observations. When using iPads, some work can be transferred to the school computer system and filed or printed for assessment purposes.

Can students access the internet at school? 
Yes. The students will pair their devices with the school’s wifi.

Will I have to pay for apps? 
Yes. A list of required apps (possibly five or six) will be given to students at the beginning of the process. If the apps are not able to be downloaded, teachers will alter activities and use different features to cater for this. As needs arise, notes will be sent home asking for the new requirements, with at least two weeks’ notice.

Will the device be safe at Blue Care? 
Students are responsible for their device at Blue Care. Staff will follow the SHPS BYOD policy. The BYOD student agreement is to be followed during Blue Care.