

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Requirements for 2023



For families looking to purchase a device for 2023, there are a wide range of options available. Issues including power, battery life, size, weight, connectivity and ergonomics should all be considered when purchasing a new device. As it is not practical to recharge laptops at College, a device which will provide enough battery life for a school day is required. It is important that the size and weight of the device does not make it difficult for students to carry around during the day.

Minimum requirements for Windows and Apple MacBook Air/Pro laptops can be found below. Please note Chromebooks do not meet these specifications and therefore cannot be used as a BYOD device:

- Operating System – Windows 10 or MacOS 10.15 (or higher)
- Processor – Intel Core i5 (equivalent or higher)
- RAM – 8GB or higher
- Storage – 256GB or more
- Ports – HDMI and USB – A connections. USB -C to USB -A adapter and USB – C to HDMI adapter may be required for certain devices.
- Display – 12 inches or more with 1024 x 768 resolution or higher
- Keyboard – full Qwerty keyboard
- Audio/Video – headphone and microphone capabilities as well as an inbuilt camera
- Battery – sufficient battery life to last the duration of a school day (approximately 6 hours)

Please note that Chromebooks, iPads or other Android tablets are not suitable for the College's BYOD laptop program. Multiple IT services will not work correctly on these platforms.

Devices that meet the above specifications will be able to be used over multiple years, meaning students may not require a new device in Senior School.

Additional requirements

In addition to a laptop students will also require:

- A pair of headphones wired or wireless. (This is required for testing such as NAPLAN)
- A robust carry case for the laptop.

Software

The College provides access to all the software and services that students require including Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) and Microsoft 365.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a list of recommended places to purchase?

There are many retail outlets or online stores where laptops are available. We recommend investigating potential products and researching available deals for the device.

I already own a laptop. Can I use that?

Yes, so long as it meets the minimum technology requirements above. Please note a Chromebook, iPad or Android tablet will not be suitable.

Does the device need a case?

Yes, a case will help protect the laptop and identify it.

What other accessories will I need?

It is essential that students have a set of compatible headphones, either wired or wireless for use in the classroom or during examinations.

What applications should I have so that I am ready for College?

All software and applications that are required are provided by the College and will be set up when starting at the College.

Will the College provide students with lessons on how to use the device?

Throughout their learning, students will be provided with all the concepts and skills required to use their devices properly. Please note students will also be taught about digital citizenship and cyber safety.

