

BYOD LAPTOP PROGRAM

Specifications for Years 4-12, 2024

From Year 4, students are required to bring their own laptop or dual function notebook to school. Whilst Middle and Senior Campus students can bring multiple devices in addition to their laptop, Junior Campus students are only allowed to bring a laptop or dual function notebook.

We recommend a slimline wireless enabled device suitable for web-based research, taking class notes and producing extended responses. If purchasing a new computer, size of screen, weight, performance, and battery life are all important issues. Please note that students are not able to recharge computers at school.

Specifications

Students will need either a **Windows based laptop (running Windows 11 or higher)** or an **Apple Mac Laptop (running the iOS 12 or higher)**. Specifications are as follows:

- Has a minimum hard drive storage capacity to 256 GB.
Students will be encouraged to save to OneDrive.
- Has a minimum memory capacity of 8 GB.
A higher memory capacity is recommended for Technology and Design students.
- Has a minimum battery life of 6 hours.
- A screen size of at least 11 inches.

Chrome books are not permitted as they are not compatible with NAPLAN, Adobe and Autodesk software.

It is strongly recommended that families purchase an extended warranty for their devices and consider virus protection software.

Accessory Requirements

Accessory requirements for all devices are minimal:

- A replacement battery may be necessary as battery life does deteriorate over time.
- A padded carry bag or sleeve is essential.
- Lightweight headphones or bud earphones are necessary.



Software

The College provides Microsoft Office 365 for all students from Years 3-12. This includes word processor, spreadsheet and presentation software. This in turn enables students to install Microsoft Office 365 applications onto their BYOD device for free.

Apple devices can be purchased, along with our school uniform, at The School Locker, North Lakes.