




BYOD requirements – Years 9-12

It is a requirement that all students in Years 9 to 12 bring their own laptop to school, connected to the school network, for their studies. BYOD iPads used by junior students are not adequate for studies in these years.

BYOD Laptops are used every day by students to support and enhance their learning in all subjects. The amount of time that the laptops are used will vary from day to day, based on how well they complement the classroom topic.

Minimum Laptop Specifications



CAUTION – These devices will not connect to the school network:
Chromebook laptops or devices using Windows 10S, Windows RT or Linux.

	Standard	Premium
Operating System	Windows 10.16, Mac OS 10.12 (Sierra) - or above	
Display	11" – 13" screen; Maximum 13" recommended to minimise weight and reduce risk of breakage	
Storage	128GB+, SSD recommended	256GB+ with SSD
Processor	Intel Core i3 or equivalent	Intel Core i5+ or equivalent
Memory	4GB+ RAM	8GB+ RAM
Battery	6-8 hours battery (students aren't able to charge devices at school)	
Protection	Laptop shell / case / sleeve (foam sleeves are less protective) 3yr warranty & accidental damage cover (strongly recommended)	
Other	If storing a large number of audio/video files, consider the purchase of a minimum 500GB external hard drive	

Families that have a device which is less than 4 years old are encouraged to bring it to school to see if network connection can occur, before having to purchase another device. Please note that older devices may have issues with battery life.



Mandatory Laptop Subjects

Certain subjects cannot be studied without the support of a laptop, as they continuously involve digital activities or access to online training and assessment modules.

Students **MUST** have a school-connected BYOD Laptop to be enrolled in these senior subjects (including the introductory subjects in Semester 2 of year 10):

Certificate Courses	ATAR Subjects	Vocational Subjects
Cert I Construction	Accounting	Industrial Technology Skills
Cert III Aviation (Drones)	Business	Information Communication Technologies (ICT)
Cert III Business	Design	Media Arts in Practice
Cert III Early Childhood	Digital Solutions	Visual Arts in Practice
Cert III Fitness	Film, TV & New Media	
Cert III Information Technology		

Premium Laptop Subjects – Year 10 Semester 2 and Years 11 - 12

The following subjects require a “premium level” laptop, so that the device meets the minimum requirements specified for software being used (eg. CAD design, graphic design, video editing):

Design	Digital Solutions	Media Arts in Practice	Film, TV & New Media
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Software

- We recommended that students install Microsoft Office Suite 2016. This is available as a free download on student laptops and their home devices (see school website for details). It can only be downloaded and installed at home, using the student’s school log-in
- Antivirus software must be installed and regular updates completed
- Students may require additional software depending on subjects selected

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