BYO Device Information for Years 9 to 12

When purchasing a new device, this document may be useful when talking to sales people.

These are our guidelines for devices intended for use within our Digital Learning Environment. You may choose to join the BYOD (bring your own device) Program at any time.

Students may continue to use their school-issued Toshiba computer until the end of 2015. Starting in 2016, these computers will no longer connect to our network due to advancements in wireless technology. If you choose to continue with the school computer for 2015, we also recommended buying a replacement battery as soon as possible. Please refer to the Replacement Battery document on our website on the Information Technology page under Campus Facilities.

Required

- A portable computer with a 13” screen or larger running Windows 7 or 8, or Mac OS X
- 5GHz wireless network capable (in 2016 our network will no longer support 2.4GHz connections)
- A minimum of 64GB internal storage and 4GB of memory are recommended
- A protective carry case is to be used on College grounds and when moving between lessons

As a rule of thumb, choose your preferred operating system and screen size, then get as much storage space, memory, and processing power as you can afford.

Unsuitable

- iPads – useability shortcomings for tasks required of Year 9 and up
- Windows XP or earlier – no longer supported by Microsoft
- Windows RT devices – incompatible with software required by the curriculum
- Android devices – incompatible with software required by the curriculum

Other Requirements

- Software to be installed prior to use at the College: Google Chrome, Java, Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player, and Adobe Shockwave Player
- The College offers a subscription to Microsoft Office 365 to all enrolled students, and software for Art and Music is available from subject teachers
- On Windows computers, Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software is a must. We will not allow a Windows computer which is unprotected to join our network. Both Avast! and AVG offer free versions of their protection suites which meet our needs
- An external storage device is recommended for backups, and students are encouraged to use the generous cloud-storage area allocated individually on Office 365 OneDrive

Insurance and Warranty

We strongly recommend you seek appropriate insurance and warranty coverage for your daughter’s learning device. You may find it is already covered under one of your current policies, or there is option to add it. Please consult your insurer in this regard and ensure the policy covers the device at home, at school, and transit in-between.

Accidental damage is not normally covered under standard warranties. Please ensure loss, theft, and damage is covered with repair or a replacement.
Care and Handling

The final responsibility for care remains with the owner of the device. As stated above, we require a carry case to be used on the College grounds and when moving between lessons. This may help alleviate any accidental damage.

For further information on the use of these devices at the school, please refer to the *Guidelines on Personal Electronic Devices* on page 28 in your student diary.