



OUR TIPS FOR

Purchasing a Computer/Notebook



If you are considering purchasing a computer for the purpose of bringing your own device (BYOD) to school or for use at home, there are a number of things that need to be considered.

The school is a Microsoft Windows environment and currently runs Microsoft Windows 10 and Office Professional Pro 2019 on all of its Hewlett Packard (HP) computers. Therefore, the school recommends a laptop running Windows 10 as a preferred device. If you wish to purchase an Apple device, then the school recommends a MacBook.

Below are the suggested minimum specifications for any brand of computer that you may purchase. When looking to purchase a computer, you will need to keep in mind what the computer will be used for. For example, a computer that is being used for internet browsing, basic image editing or manipulation, and Office applications such as Word, Excel, Teams, PowerPoint etc. would only need to be a mid-range model. If the computer was being used for the above as well as video editing, then it would need to be more of a high-end computer.

MID-RANGE COMPUTER

CPU (Processor)	Wireless Network	Memory (GB)	Hard Drive Size (in GB)	Dedicated Video	Screen Size (if a laptop)
Intel Core i5	Yes	8	128 SSD	No	13.3

HIGH END COMPUTER

CPU (Processor)	Memory (GB)	Hard Drive Size	Video	Screen Size (if a laptop)
Intel Core i5	16	256 GB SSD	Dedicated if possible	15.4

The school does not encourage students to purchase tablets as the Apps on the tablets usually being a cut-down version of similar desktop apps and can be limited in features. This may cause problems when opening files on devices running a different version of the same program (i.e. PowerPoint web app as opposed to PowerPoint desktop program).

SOFTWARE

All brands of computers come with an operating system and you should not be charged an additional cost for this. Each student from Year 5 to Year 12 has an account for Office 365 which gives them free access to the latest version of Microsoft Office Professional (currently version 2019), including any free upgrades while they are enrolled at the school. This allows them to install office on up to 5 devices per student account.

