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BYOD Program – Year 7 2027

The College has worked with an external provider, Edunet, to provide a portal for parents to utilise the bulk buying power of this company to endeavour to obtain the lowest prices available for the recommended devices and to provide support for any issues that arise during the life of the laptop.

All Lenovo devices on the Edunet Parent Portal meet the minimum device specifications set out by John Paul College, allowing students to focus on their learning. These devices also come with a 3-year Lenovo Warranty covering some accidental damage, and Sealed Battery Warranty upgrade included in the purchase price.

Should a problem arise with a Lenovo Device which has been purchased from the Parent Portal, a warranty or insurance claim can be made, and a Technician will assist with the repairs onsite at John Paul College. Over the years this process has allowed our ICT team to work with our providers to minimise the time in which your child does not have a working device.

Parents can choose other laptop devices than the ones we recommend or reuse an existing device, but they must meet the minimum specifications to be able to meet the learning needs of Year 7 to 9 students at John Paul College. Please note that a mobile phone, tablet (iPad) or Chromebook is not suitable as a student learning device at JPC.

Whilst parents are free to purchase the devices from any supplier, this company has been identified to provide parents with a simple purchasing option. **To have these devices ready by the start of the 2027 school year, please have orders placed as soon as possible.**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Am I mandated to buy from Edunet - Parent Portal?

There is no obligation to buy through Edunet and parents may use a vendor of their choice, provided the device meets the minimum specifications.

Please refer to the College's ICT Support and BYOD Program page to order your child's educational device, to access the Edunet Parent Portal:
https://www.jpc.vic.edu.au/home/learning/ict-support-and-byod-program

2. I have chosen a laptop to purchase but am unsure if it meets the minimum specifications

Device minimum specifications are listed on the John Paul College Website. Once on the website, go to 'Current Students' and 'ICT Support and BYOD Program'

3. Do I have to purchase a laptop Bag?

No, but a dedicated laptop bag may make carrying the device easier and helps protect it from damage. We have some recommend bags available in the Edunet Parent Portal.

4. Can I purchase a MacBook or iPad for my Year 7 starting in 2027?

The Year 7 requirements for a device are a laptop - Windows based.

A MacBook laptop or iPad has not been approved for Year 7's.

The main reasons why a MacBook is not suitable, is the College's decision to ask parents to purchase a device that will meet the needs of all curriculum subjects over the coming years (Year 7 to 9)

Students over time will be doing ICT subjects, such as Digital Technology and these are focused on Windows based software.

5. Does my child need Anti-virus on their laptop?

Yes. It is a requirement of the College that all student Laptops have up to date Anti-virus software installed on their laptop. Parents are welcome to choose any type of Anti-virus, either a reputable Free or Paid version (Windows 11 includes Windows Defender as an antivirus product).

6. Will the school be imaging my child's laptop?

No, John Paul College will not be imaging any BYOD laptops. John Paul college will install a management agent on the device(s) to assist us to monitor and manage the device whilst engaged in learning onsite. Further Information on how to connect you child's laptop to the College Network will be sent to families in early 2027.

7. Does my child still need to bring stationery to school?

Yes. Students will still be required to complete handwritten tasks. Stationery details are on the booklist.

8. Can my child charge their laptop at school?

No. Students are expected to be responsible in arriving to class prepared, which includes bringing a fully charged laptop for the day.

9. What happens if my child accidentally leaves their laptop at home?

The student needs to report to the Student Services Centre immediately. The Student Services Centre will phone a parent/guardian to arrange for the laptop to be brought to school. Should this not be possible, the student will be expected to complete all their work on paper and catch up with work done on the laptop at home the same night.

10. I am in financial difficulty and can't afford to purchase a laptop for my child. What can I do?

No student at the College will be excluded from the BYOD program due to financial hardship. Families suffering from extreme financial hardship who believe they are unable to purchase a laptop for their child must make an appointment to meet with Business Manager by contacting the College on (03) 9784 0200.

11. Do I need to take out additional warranty and insurance?

That is up to you, though the College strongly recommends accidental damage cover for events such as a broken screen, the Warranty coverage bundled with the Edunet bundles for 2027 includes cover for some accidental damage events *1.

Insurance does come at a cost, though you may result in significant savings if the device and/or screen is damaged. Here are some quick tips for getting the best insurance:

- Research the insurers – perform a web search
- Call your house and contents insurance provider to find out what your existing policy covers and what additional support they can offer
- The highest price may not necessarily provide the best insurance
- Read the fine print regarding the level of protection – does it cover accidental damage, device breakdown, loss, or theft? What is the excess?
- Consider the turn-around time for repair
- How many times can a claim be made?
- Be aware of premium fees.

12. Where does my child save work?

Students can save work locally on their laptop or in their provided online storage account. They will be assisted in setting up an online storage account and will be provided with relevant training and instructions by the College ICT team.

13. Can my child take notes on the Laptop?

Yes. Students are provided with Microsoft Office 365 for Education whilst they are enrolled at the college (including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote). Details will be provided by the College ICT team during device onboarding.

14. What happens if my child's work on the Laptop is lost?

Students will be provided with training to assist them in their responsibility in backing up work to ensure it isn't lost due to hardware failure or accidental deletion. Malfunctions of laptop are not an acceptable excuse in the failure of submitting work.

15. What do I have to do to the laptop to have it prepared for school use?

Please ensure that the laptop has been turned on and run through the initial setup. The device should turn on to the windows desktop before the student starts at school to aid efficient setup. If you are planning to install parental control software on the device, please wait until after the school has performed the onboarding process.

16. I have other questions. How can I find out the answer?

Call and speak to ICT Team on (03) 9784 0246 or email ictsupport@jpc.vic.edu.au

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Minimum Specifications 2027

These minimum specifications have been set by the College, so all students are able to focus on their learning whilst at John Paul College.

	Details
Year 7 to 9 **Note: Must be a Windows Device**	• Operating System: Microsoft Windows 11 • Advertised Battery Life: 8 hours • Hard Drive: 256GB • Random-access Memory (RAM): 8GB • Screen Size: 11 inches diagonal • Wireless Compatibility: Wireless 802.11ac (5GHz) • Central Processing Unit (CPU): Intel Core i3/AMD Ryzen 3 (College recommends Core i5/AMD Ryzen 5 or higher) • USB-c Charging
Year 10 to 12	• Operating System: Microsoft Windows 11 or Apple MAC OS X Big Sur 11 or newer • Advertised Battery Life: 8 hours • Hard Drive: 256GB • Random-access Memory (RAM): 8GB • Screen Size: 11 inches diagonal • Wireless Compatibility: Wireless 802.11ac (5GHz) • Central Processing Unit (CPU): Windows - Intel Core i3/AMD Ryzen 3 (College recommends Core i5/AMD Ryzen 5 or higher) Mac – Apple Silicon M1 (Recommended M2 or higher) • USB-c Charging

The laptop should be under two years old at the start of 2027.

Note:

- Chromebooks, Tablets(iPads) and Mobile Phones are not acceptable BYOD Learning Devices, the college will require the purchase of a device meeting Minimum specifications.
- Anti-virus protection is required to be installed and kept up to date on your child's device.
- The College will supply Office 365 Education for All Students – at no cost.
- The College will supply Adobe Suite to students who require this for their curriculum needs – at no cost.
- *1 Please refer to the warranty/insurance PDS for full terms of coverage.