



Sacred Heart College



Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) Program

Sacred Heart College utilises technology throughout both the Primary and Secondary Campuses to provide students and staff with productive teaching and learning opportunities. The College has a Bring Your Own Laptop Program to support student learning. All students from Year 5 through to Year 10 require their own laptop to use both at school and at home.

Students are encouraged to be sensible in their use of technology and in the use of their laptop as a learning tool. The overarching goal of the College's Bring Your Own Laptop Program is to provide a safe, protected and highly reliable online learning environment.

DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

- It is important that your child's device meets the minimum specifications.
- Important aspects to consider when purchasing a laptop are *durability, battery life and screen size*.

Please Note:

- Due to the small screen size and lack of a physical keyboard, iPads are **not** supported in Years 5-10.
- Devices with Chrome and Linux operating systems (OS) are **not** supported.

Supported Operating Systems	Windows 11 and Mac OS 14+ (Sonoma and newer)
Size of Screen	12" – 15.6"
Storage Capacity & Configuration	256GB or greater, Solid-State Drive (SSD)
Memory	8GB RAM Minimum, 16GB RAM Recommended
Battery Life	10 hours or more
Warranty and Insurance	Extra warranty for accidental damage protection or home insurance covering accidental breakage or loss. Example: Apple Care+ for Mac.

Please be aware you **DO NOT** need to separately purchase an anti-virus product or Microsoft Office 365.

- Microsoft's inbuilt anti-virus is more than adequate, and we push out an anti-virus for MacOS.
- Microsoft Office 365 licensing is free for all school students.

As part of the **Laptop Set Up Process** student laptops will be enrolled in the College's Mobile Device Management System (Microsoft Intune) which will automatically install and configure:

- Microsoft Endpoint Protection (anti-virus)
- School Wi-Fi
- Microsoft Office 365 (Word, PowerPoint, OneDrive etc)
- School Printers
- Other School software (Vivi, Read and Write, Minecraft Education etc)

LOOKING AFTER LAPTOPS

The College encourages parents to insure the laptop under their home and contents insurance policy or to take out a personal effects policy for the laptop where possible. The College is not liable for loss or damage of any student owned equipment that is used as part of our BYOL initiative at the College or offsite. Student-owned laptops are not covered by school insurance as they are not a Sacred Heart College asset. Laptop bags may provide some protection.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

The College IT Team will support your child(ren) by setting up their laptop and providing software support when required. The IT Team can also provide advice and information on repairing hardware, and suggestions around where to take the device for repair.

LAPTOP SETUP PROCESS

The College IT Team holds a series of official Laptop Setup days prior to the start of each school year.

- In the new school year, laptops can be dropped at the College Office for set up from Monday 12th to Friday 23rd January 2026.
- Students should make sure their name is clearly labelled on both their laptop and their charger.
- Students will be asked to provide their laptop username and password and to leave a contact number.
- Laptops will be returned to students on their first day of school.

For students joining the College at other times during the year, laptops need to be brought to the IT Help Desk in the Secondary Library for setup by the IT Team.

BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP (BYOL) EXAMPLES

LOW TO MID PRICE RANGE - \$800 TO \$1500

Example: Lenovo Ideapad/Yoga 2-in-1 14"

More than adequate for schoolwork this example has great battery life and is lightweight, making it easy for students to transport.



HIGH PRICE RANGE – FROM \$1699+

Example: MacBook Air or MacBook Pro

MacBooks tend to last longer than other laptops, but unfortunately, they have the price to match. Features include longer battery life and good build quality.



Please feel free to contact the ICT Team, by phone or email should you have any questions regarding suitable laptops.

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