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Dear Families,

Macleod College - Bring Your Own Device program (BYOD)

Macleod College understands the importance of ensuring our students develop 21st Century Skills. We strive to provide our students with relevant curriculum, building an enthusiasm for learning and essential skills to be adaptable, resourceful and flexible thinkers.

Students attending Macleod College are required to bring a laptop to school each day. Our program aims to support families by offering flexibility in the type of laptop you wish to purchase or already have.

For families that may already have an appropriate device it can eliminate the need to purchase new devices.

Feel free to contact Simone for more information.

To support the BYOD program at Macleod College we use Learning With Technologies (LWT) to provide a secure purchase portal for families. From the portal you can browse
the recommended devices and choose options including warranty, insurance, bags and headphones.

As accidents can occur and these can often result in expensive repairs, it is recommended that you include insurance.

It is strongly recommended to purchase a laptop quickly due to stock availability and high demand.

LWT purchase portal https://macleodcollege.orderportal.com.au/

Your sincerely,

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BYOD Program - 2024

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* Be aware that devices not capable of upgrading to Windows 11 will not be supported by Microsoft after October 14, 2025.
For older devices please read this information **End of life information from Microsoft** and **How to find your windows version**

Minimum Device Requirements

Age	less than 2 years old
Operating System *Preferred Windows 11*	**Windows 10** - 22H2 or **Apple OSX 11** **Windows Devices are PREFERRED - Please do not purchase tablet or chromebook devices**
RAM	8GB
WIFI	Dual-Band (2.4 and 5ghz)
Screen Size	Between 11 to 13"
Battery	6 hours without the need for charging
Toughened Bag	Slip cases are **NOT** advised, toughened bags are recommended - depending on the model the prices range from $25 to $60

Model	Lenovo 100w Gen 4	Lenovo 500w Yoga Gen 4	Lenovo 500w Yoga Gen 4	Lenovo 13w Yoga Gen 2	Lenovo L13 Yoga Gen 4	Apple Macbook Air	Apple Macbook Pro
Price (inc GST)	$614.00	$786.00	$900.00	$1,230.00	$1,407.00	$1,639.00	$1,826.00
Screen Size	11.6"	12.2"	12.2"	13.3"	13.3"	11.6"	11.6"
CPU	Intel N100	Intel N100	Intel N100	AMD Ryzen 5	Intel i5	M2	M2
RAM Memory	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	16 GB	16 GB	8 GB	8 GB
HDD	128 GB	128 GB	256 GB	256 GB	256 GB	256 GB	256 GB
OS	Windows 11	Windows 11	Windows 11	Windows 11	Windows 11	Mac OS	Mac OS
Insurance Option	3 Year $116.00 $100 Excess	3 Year $116.00 $100 Excess	3 Year $116.00 $100 Excess	3 Year $116.00 $100 Excess	3 Year $116.00 $100 Excess	3 Year $242.00 $149 Excess	3 Year $220.00 Excess Varies

Frequently Asked Questions.

Is a device required?
Yes. In today's digital environment access to a personal learning device is essential. Students access online resources and curriculum on a daily basis and use Compass and Google Apps to research, check and submit Learning Tasks set by teachers. The Victorian Curriculum requires students to use Technology.

Insurance - Do I need it?
* *Required* - Student devices are not covered for loss/theft/damage under this program, therefore parents are required to organise appropriate insurance. Be aware of insurance excess costs and the number of allowed claims over the life of the policy. *Macleod College is not responsible for data recovery or repairs to student devices and students are advised to maintain backups and organise repairs.*

Extended Warranty - Do I need it?
* *Highly recommended* the extended warranty is advised and is best practice when purchasing expensive
equipment. The average life of a device is 3-4 years. You are advised to check the pricing and agreement terms before purchasing any warranty or insurance plans. The LWT portal includes optional extras for insurance and warranty that can be included when purchasing a device.

Do we still need textbooks?
Many students find it easier to work from a physical textbook. For mobile devices, some textbook publishers have ebook versions available. This allows for students to leave physical textbooks at school and use the digital version at home. You are advised to check the school booklist before making any purchases.

I already own a device, can I bring it to school?
If the device you already own meets the device requirements specified above, it is acceptable to bring to school.

Is identification of student devices required?
Before the student brings the device to school it is important that you make a note of the brand, model and serial number in case the device is lost or stolen. This information is required for police reports. The use of a name tag or identification stickers is advised as some students may have identical devices.

Is the Internet safe?
Macleod College utilises the internet as provided by the Department of Education & Training, this is filtered and monitored to ensure students access to the internet is appropriate and safe on all school and BYOD devices.

How does the student connect to the network?
Students are advised to bring their devices to school on the first day. Students receive an IT induction, during this session their devices are connected to the WIFI and their account details are provided. It is important that students do not share their account information with other students.

How do students store their device?
Students are not to leave any valuables in school lockers overnight, weekends or holidays. All students must have a padlock/combination lock to secure their lockers at all times. **All devices are to be locked in lockers**, when not in use or during a sporting activity. No devices are to be left unattended at any time.

Can students use a smartphone?
Mobile phones are not considered a BYOD device, in 2019 the Victorian Education Department announced that Mobile phones will be banned for all students at all Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020. More information is available from this website https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/students-using-mobile-phones/policy

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