

Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) is where students bring an electronic device to school. This allows them to connect, collaborate and create in all of their classes. Importantly, students are able to access their work anywhere, anytime. This will enable them to become more portable and to leave school prepared for the technological demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

With changes in funding and consequent reduction in the number of computers, schools are implementing BYOT to ensure that students will continue to have access to technology.

### WHY DO STUDENTS NEED THEIR OWN LAPTOPS?

Computers are tools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century much like pen and paper in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At CHS we deliver course content online and use computers regularly for collaborating, presenting, researching and creating digital products. The skills developed in using different applications and in working online will prepare students for life outside of school.

### WHAT DEVICE WILL YOU NEED TO PROVIDE?

It is up to you what brand or type of device you would like to provide, however, in order for students to be able to operate effectively, there are **minimum specifications** for all devices:

- Minimum screen size 9.7" screen
- 4GB RAM
- Storage capacity 120GB (for a laptop)
- Storage capacity 32GB (for a tablet)
- Operating system Windows 8.1/10, MAC OS X 10.10 or higher, IOS9 or higher
- Up to date security software
- External keyboard
- Touch pad, mouse etc. or touch screen
- Recommend minimum 6 hour battery capacity – device will need to be brought to school fully charged each day
- USB Port
- Accessories (Headphones, spare power cord and a case)

### WHAT SOFTWARE WILL THE DEVICE NEED TO HAVE?

The device will require a web browser. We recommend Google Chrome, Firefox or Edge. The Department of Education provides students with a free license for Microsoft 365 while enrolled. During the first few weeks of school, teachers will assist students to install Windows apps from Microsoft 365 on their device.

### WHAT SUPPORT WILL CHS PROVIDE?

It is recommended that you purchase a new device that will come with a warranty or, if you will be purchasing a 2nd hand device, an add-on warranty such as Apple Care should be considered.

Our IT Support Staff provide support up to the connectivity level. Their primary role is to support our infrastructure, staff and school-owned devices.

CHS will supply access to our Wi Fi allowing students to connect to the internet, intranet and any other online services required as part of the educational program.

### HOW DO I KNOW IT WILL BE SECURE?

All students have a secure locker where any device should be stored when not in use. The device should be transported in a suitable bag that will protect it. Devices should be protected with a secure and unique password.

### WHAT FORMS ARE REQUIRED?

Each year all students are required to have signed an ICT Acceptable Use form. This form needs to be returned to ensure students can be added to the school Wi-Fi and they get access to Office 365.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on BYOT, please refer to our school internet page.

Please feel free to call the school to discuss any other questions or concerns you may have.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED  
THAT ALL STUDENTS  
HAVE A SUITABLE  
DEVICE TO BRING TO  
SCHOOL IN 2021**



CHS cannot recommend a particular device, however, our current students have found the following brands seem to work well with our system and suit the IT demands in class:

- Acer
- Dell
- Lenovo
- Microsoft

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