



BYOD FAQ

Fact Sheet for the Cape Naturaliste College Bring Your Own Device Program

- Q:** Which devices will be suitable for students to use at the school?
- A:** Windows laptops, MacBooks, and iPads are suitable for use on the school network as long as they meet certain minimum specification requirements (please refer to the “**BYOD Minimum Specification Requirements**” section on page 2). Chromebooks and Android tablets are currently not suitable for use on the school’s network.
- Q:** What happens if a student’s BYOD device is damaged or stolen at school? Will the school cover it?
- A:** No, the school cannot cover damage or theft to privately owned property. The school’s insurance, like all government departments, is determined through the government agency Risk Cover, which does not cover individual’s private property.
- Q:** What if I cannot afford a new device?
- A:** A reasonable range of desktop computers are available throughout the school for student use, but the school cannot guarantee these devices will always be available when needed. Furthermore, the lack of a personal device impacts on student’s abilities to complete homework and research assignments. Parents are encouraged to read the “**BYOD Minimum Specification Requirements**,” and consider any suitable second-hand options. If parents are still in a position where they cannot afford a suitable device, they should speak to an Associate Principal for further assistance.
- Q:** What about software? Will additional software add to the expense?
- A:** No, students will be required to install certain Microsoft Office Apps (Word, Excel and PowerPoint), but this is provided for free via registering the student’s department email account with Microsoft.
- Q:** If I chose an iPad or Microsoft Surface tablet, do I need to purchase a keyboard?
- A:** While it is not necessary to purchase a keyboard for use with tablets, it is recommended. Learning to type is an important skill that requires practise. While onscreen keyboards are functional, a physical keyboard encourages more consistent use and provides a better typing experience.
- Q:** Can students use their own 4G or 5G internet services while on school grounds?
- A:** The use of internet services other than the college internet while on school grounds is against the school’s ICT usage policy. Disciplinary action will apply to students who are found using their personal internet connections on school grounds.



BYOD Recommended Devices

**The following information is for advice only.
It does not advocate for any brand or supplier.**

Apple iPad and Macintosh devices

Current iPads that can run iOS 26.1 are supported. Please also consider a keyboard add on.

Any current Apple Macbook model will be significantly more powerful than an **iPad**, but this comes at an additional cost. The cheapest Macbook is the **MacBook Air** (around \$1,500), which provides more than enough performance for school tasks, and will suit students' needs up to Year 12, and potentially beyond.

Windows devices

A Windows 11 device is our current recommendation. Avoid laptops running Windows 11 S, as this is a scaled down and limited version of Windows 11. Please refer to the minimum requirements for Windows Laptops and Tablets (below).

BYOD Minimum Specification Requirements

iPads

The only minimum requirement for iPads is that they support the latest operating system version, which currently is iOS 26.1.

All iPads should include a protective cover or keyboard/cover combination.

Macintosh Laptops

The minimum requirements for Macintosh laptops are as follows:

- Must be installed with at least MacOS 14 (Sonoma).
- Must contain a wi-fi adapter capable of running **IEEE 802.11ac** (generally known as 5 GHz Wi-Fi).
- Must be installed with a commercial Anti-Virus solution.

Windows Laptops and Tablets

The minimum requirements for Windows laptops and tablets are as follows:

- Must be installed with at least Windows 11 release 22H2 (not Windows 11 S).
- Must contain a wi-fi adapter capable of running **IEEE 802.11ac** (generally known as 5 GHz Wi-Fi).
- An appropriate amount of RAM and storage. 8GB minimum RAM (16GB RAM is recommended) 256GB minimum storage (512GB SSD storage is recommended)
- Must be installed with a commercial Anti-Virus solution.

Unsupported Devices

Chromebook and Android devices are not supported by the school.