

LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019



What does BYODD stand for?

Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) refers to the school based approach to students bringing their own laptop to school as an essential education tool. Designated refers to the fact that the school determines the brand and model of laptop which students are required to use at school.



What device has been designated by the College?

The 13 inch MacBook Air. The laptop must meet the following minimum specifications:

- 1.6GHZ or 1.8GHZ Intel i5 Processor
- 8GB RAM
- SSD storage
- 3 Year AppleCare Protection Plan.
- *Please note, your AppleCare Protection Plan coverage starts from your laptop purchase date.*

**128GB for Year 7
256GB for Year 10**

While the 13 inch Macbook Air is the designated device, families may wish to purchase a different Apple Laptop product such as the Macbook or the Macbook Pro. This is only acceptable as long as the device is an Apple product that meets the College's minimum specifications.

Why does my Son / Daughter need a laptop?

The integrated use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is embedded in all NSW school syllabus documents. It is a mandated requirement in all subjects that students access ICT to assist their learning. There is also a requirement to develop ICT skills in each subject.

Where do I purchase my device?

It is up to parents to make their own decisions on where to purchase the designated device, as long as the device meets the designated device requirements for St Patrick's College.

What if I don't want to provide the designated device?

It is a condition of enrolment at St Patrick's College, for parents and caregivers to provide their child with the device designated by the school.

Are students currently enrolled in Year 9 (2018) required to buy a new laptop as part of the BYODD model for Year 10 (2019)?

Yes. Students entering into Year 10, 2019 will be required to update their device which must meet the minimum BYODD specifications. This means the Year 9 2018 laptops will need to be replaced as the AppleCare Protection Plan will have expired and therefore the laptop will no longer meet the College BYODD required specifications. Please note, students intending to enter Year 11 (2020), who wish to select a subject with a major work, will need to consider a MacBook with greater processing capacity and storage.

Who is responsible for the repair process?

Parents and carers are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the device. College ICT staff will be available to assist students with providing solutions to issues with the device and to manage warranty repairs under the AppleCare Protection Plan.

If my child's device is being repaired what will they use? How long will they have access to the replacement?

The College will support students whose device requires repair, by providing access to a loan device for up to a maximum of two weeks at a time. The release of a short term loan device hire is established directly with the parent/carer using an email consent form. The immediate reply by the parent/carer to the College ICT staff will action the release of the device to the student. At the conclusion of the short term hire period (maximum two weeks) the student must return the loan device to the College ICT Staff in the condition in which it was borrowed, in a timely manner.



Do we need to sign a User Agreement even though we have purchased the device?

Yes. An updated Sydney Catholic Schools' ICT User Agreement Policy to be signed by students and parents will be provided at the beginning of the 2019 school year.

My child doesn't know how to use a MacBook. How will the College support my child?

St Patrick's College will conduct a Year 7 Orientation Program at the start of the school year. Students will learn the basics of how to use their new device and become familiar with the College network.

What if I am new to St Patrick's College and NOT entering Year 7 or 10 in 2019?

The College requires each student to acquire the designated device if they are entering in Year 7, or if they require an upgrade device (eg. start of Year 10) or at the commencement of enrolment at any other time.

Do I need to purchase a specific case?

St Patrick's College recommends students use a hard sided laptop case for maximum laptop protection. The case purchased is left to the discretion of the parent/student. The school does not provide or sell laptop cases.

Do I need to purchase a back up device?

St Patrick's College recommends students purchase an external back up device (USB or external hard drive) to back up their school work. Some data will be stored online via Google Drive.

Should I insure my child's laptop?

The device should have an appropriate level of insurance cover. The purchase of this policy is the responsibility of families to organise.