

Bring Your Own Device @ Westall Secondary College 2020

All students at Westall Secondary College are required to bring their own computing device to school every day.

What is BYOD?

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), is a technological trend in schools and workplaces. BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very personal. The program acknowledges that technology in education means more than meeting specific curriculum requirements. It is also designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit your circumstances.

How does it work?

Students are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day. You can choose between a laptop or a notebook, as long as it meets the Westall Secondary College **Device Specifications**.



You are required to sign a **User Agreement** that sets out how the device can be used at school. The eLearning Coordinator and/or the ICT Team are available to answer questions and to provide assistance. However, it is important to note that the responsibility of caring for the device lies with the individual student and not the school.

What type of device can we bring?

Either a laptop or a notebook as long as the Device Specifications are met.



You should carefully consider all your options for purchase and lease/rent-to-buy. Consider also that a good quality device could comfortably last you your time in secondary school.

Some of the **Device Specification** requirements are quite particular. It is possible that you already own or use a device that meets the Device Specification, in which case, you can just bring that to use.

What about Software?

Specialist software will be made available to students from 2019 using the Department of Education and Training's eduSTAR Catalog. In addition to this, our Standard Operating Environment is available for use via our soon-to-be implemented Virtual Desktop Infrastructure, allowing all of our digital tools to be used on any device; anywhere you have an internet connection.

I'm concerned about the costs

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may last from Year 7 to Year 12, and viewed over six years, the expense is considerably less. Westall Secondary College has taken steps to integrate device use into many aspects of teaching and learning. Your investment allows the school to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

I'm concerned about device security

The College does not own, or provide warranty for your device. Research undertaken in schools where BYOD programs have taken over from the previously funded netbook program, indicated that students who considered themselves the device owner, took greater care of them and rarely had device security issues. If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, you may wish to consider specific accidental damage insurance for the device. You can specifically list the item on your home contents insurance, or you can purchase an Accidental Damage Protection plan for your device. You may also consider using a device locator service. These services include the "Prey" for Windows or "LoJack for Laptops". Internet access on the device will be filtered at school and students will be prohibited from connecting to other networks while at school.

Westall Secondary College uses the Department of Education and Training's eduSTAR.ISP internet service, which has built-in web filtering and protection, which the College supplements with a UTM firewall for additional security.

Details and Feedback

If you have questions or feedback on the 'Bring Your Own Device' Program, please contact the eLearning Coordinator or the ICT Team at the College on 9546 3233.

Westall Secondary College Bring your own Device 2019 Device Specification

Hardware Specification	
The device must meet <i>all</i> of the following requirements:	
Form Factor	Laptop, Notebook device. It is recommended that this includes a physical keyboard attachment with separate keys for A – Z and 0 – 9 and which physically move when depressed.
Physical Dimensions	Minimum Screen Size: 9.7” Maximum Screen Size: 15.6”
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 8.1 or newer. Windows 10 is recommended • Apple MacOS X 10.9 or newer • Apple iOS 8 or newer <p>Note: Android-based devices are currently not supported.</p>
Wireless Compatibility	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support This may be advertised as “Dual Band Wireless”, “802.11abgn”, “802.11agn”, “802.11ac” or “Gigabit Wireless”. Note: Devices marketed as “802.11bgn” probably do not support the required standard.
Capacity to save	Local storage of at least 128 GB is recommended.
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of at least six hours

Additional Considerations:

The College will be able to offer the Department of Education provided Microsoft Office 365 for either Mac or Windows free while students are at this school. You **DO NOT** have to purchase Microsoft-Office. Similarly, there are numerous free pdf creation/viewing software available. You do not have to buy Adobe products.

When acquiring the device you should also direct your attention to:

Recommendations	Maximum weight: 2kg Minimum RAM (laptops): 4GB Disk configuration (laptops): Solid State disk (SSD)
Consideration	Accidental loss and breakage insurance
Operating System	As per the Hardware Specification, above
Web browser	Any modern web browser. Windows computers must run Internet Explorer 11 or newer. Google Chrome is recommended
Security Software	Supported Windows Devices should either have Windows Defender enabled, or a current subscription