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RESPECT

SAFETY

PERSONAL BEST

BYOD Buying Guide

All students are encouraged to bring their own laptop to school.

Make sure your laptop meets the following specifications:

- A wireless internet connection
- A USB port (for a flash drive)
- A keyboard
- Battery life of at least 5 hours. Students will not have the ability to recharge their devices during the school day.
- Screen size must be no smaller than 10"
- Light enough to carry each day. Less than 2kg is recommended.
- A protective cover or case is advised
- It is preferable that your laptop can run Microsoft Office. **Microsoft Office Suite is free for all students.** We will give you details on how to access it on your laptop.
- Adequate internal storage. All students will have access to cloud storage, provided by the Department of Education.
- Minimum operating system: Windows 7 or higher, Apple OS, Chrome for Chromebooks.

Please note that Android tablets and Apple iPads are not suitable for classroom use.

Chromebooks are a lower-cost laptop option, best suited for students in years 7-8. They only allow access to the internet and to online "cloud" storage. Chromebooks **require an internet connection at home**. On the upside, they are inexpensive and run faster than lower models of Windows laptops.

Department of Education insurance does not cover laptops owned by individuals. Check with your insurer to see if your existing home and contents policy covers your laptop.

If you require further assistance, please email the school's Technology Learning Facilitator, Mr Bill Robertson. Phone 4933 7933 or email Bill on william.robertson38@det.nsw.edu.au