**BYOD at St Dominic’s Catholic College**

**What device should we consider?**

**Minimum Recommended Specifications**

The key requirements are that it should be:

* Light and Portable
* Able to operate GoogleApps. Note that most tablets including iPads are quite limited in this respect so tablets are not recommended.
* Have a battery that will last at least five hours. (Please note that some Laptops and notebooks fall well short of this. We do not provide charging facilities at school)
* Able to connect to wireless networks and use the Google Chrome browser
* RAM – minimum 2GB (prefer 4GB) for netbooks and laptops.
* At least 16 GB (prefer 32 GB) for tablets.
* Anti-virus software – this is essential to protect the data on the device and to prevent the spread of malware.
* Robust and sturdy enough for school use.
* Under warranty - to ensure that any failure of the hardware or components can be quickly remedied.
* Insured against loss or damage.  Please note that the school will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage occurring at school.
* Have a protective case.

**If you have already purchased a device for your daughter but it does not fulfill all the requirements listed above, our advice would be to try it out at school *before* you consider buying any other device. It may be that it works fine for what is needed in class.**

Please note that we will provide help to connect to the school wifi network if needed.  Beyond that students will need to take responsibility for their own devices for problem solving or troubleshooting.  If necessary you will need to refer to a technician or to the supplier where you bought the device.

**Software**

Students will be able to achieve much of what they need to, using online open source tools and GoogleApps.  For this reason it is important that the device has an up-to-date operating system, and a modern browser.

**Accessories**

Students will also need suitable headphones and a solid protective case.