BYOD Information

All students are expected to have a suitable electronic device (eg chromebook or laptop) to work with in class. Cellphones may not be used.

Wifi is available for students throughout the College to enable access to the internet via mobile devices. Students may bring and use mobile devices at the College given that use is appropriate and in accordance with the student agreement which is signed by parents and student(s) when the Acceptance of Place is completed.

Cellphones may not be used from 8.40 to 3.20.

Minimum Recommended Specifications

The key requirements are that it should be:

- Light and Portable
- Able to operate GoogleApps. Note that some tablets can be limited in this respect so it's worth testing them out ahead of the school year.
- 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 4GB for chromebooks and 8GB for 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.

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.

If your daughter already has a device, we would suggest that she tries it out at the school even if it doesn't quite meet the spec's above before you consider purchasing a different device.

Frequently asked questions

- **Will my daughter be spending all her time on her device?**

  Mobile devices are very useful tools to assist with your daughter's learning however we know that students learn in many different ways. Mobile devices will be used regularly in class as a part of *the mix* that makes up good teaching and learning.

- **How will my daughter ensure that her mobile device is secure?**

  Students are responsible for the safety of any mobile devices brought to school and should keep them with them wherever practicable. For assemblies students are welcome to bring devices with them into the gym so long as they are turned off or store them in a locked classroom. In PE, teachers will provide a secure place for students to store devices during lessons. Parents should ensure that mobile devices are covered by their contents insurance policy and clearly named.

- **How will the school ensure that students are only accessing sites relevant to their learning?**

  In class, mobile devices should be used as an integral part of a lesson so teachers will ensure that students are on-task and accessing only relevant material. Student access to the internet is filtered, with social media and inappropriate websites blocked. If you are aware that students are somehow able to access inappropriate sites, please contact the school.

- **What happens if my daughter's device breaks or fails?**

  Check with your retailer about after sales service *before* you buy – most should provide a replacement device while repairs are taking place – if they do not then it may pay to think again.

  Carefully consider the value of a warranty – the Consumer Guarantees Act ensures that devices should be fault free for a "reasonable" period of time however warranties that cover longer than 18 months and for user caused issues, may be worth consideration. Please ensure that your daughter's device is covered by Contents insurance.

  The Library has spare Chromebooks available to borrow if needed.

- **Do I need to get Microsoft Office installed on my daughter's device?**
  No. Students are able to use GoogleApps (provided free and on-line) which include

the ability to word process, create spreadsheets and create presentations.