

St Clare's Catholic College BYOD Program 2027

Overview

St Clare's Catholic College Student Device program is modelled on a Bring Your Own Specified Device (BYOSD) model, where the school recommends a specified device and invites parents to purchase one that meets these requirements. This is similar to the way the school sources, and then recommends, uniform suppliers.

Why A Specified device?

A specified student device program has several advantages including:

- Introducing consistent hardware and software that can enhance engagement, deepen learning, increase feedback, personalise learning, and make the best possible use of classroom time
- Minimising disruptions caused by incompatible hardware and software
- Allowing staff and students to assist with minor troubleshooting
- Access to business grade devices, warranties, and repairs
- Streamlining ICT support and warranty and repair processes

"Technology will not replace great teachers but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational" George Couros

When are devices used at school?

Devices are learning tools used regularly as part of the school day. This includes accessing the school portal for school administration and news, regular use during teaching and learning, including access to Compass. While the laptop may not be used in every lesson, it is expected that students are ready to use it alongside the other tools for learning.

What type of devices do students use?

Students use a Windows-based 2-in-1 hybrid device, which integrates all the features of a laptop with the flexibility of a tablet.
There are TWO levels of device recommended:

- Junior Device for Years 7-9 – with less computing power
- Senior Device for Years 10-12 – a device with greater computing power and better graphics capacity.

How do I purchase a device?

Parents are free to purchase from any retailer, but in doing so they need to ensure the chosen device **meets ALL minimum specifications** as per the table over page. Note that these are the base levels of compliance. Alternatively, parents may choose to purchase a school-recommended device from a recommended supplier supplying a device tested and supporting all software and incorporating a 3-year warranty and support and accidental damage protection.

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the student/family.

What will be provided by the school?

- A filtered Wi-Fi internet service.
- Microsoft Office 365
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- **N.B.** Virus protection software is **NOT** provided by the school and is a parental responsibility.

What support is there for students?

Students are provided with training in the use of software via an induction program (Year 7) and ongoing learning in classes.
Students are provided with ICT support by the CSO IT HELP DESK via the SERVICES NOW portal. If the device was purchased via the school portal, express warranty claims are available. If parents purchased through a retailer, then they would need to organise support themselves.

REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommended specifications are as follows:

Component	Yr 7-9 Recommended	Yr 10-12 Recommended	Yr 10-12 Media & Design
Device Type	Windows 2-in-1	Windows 2-in-1	Windows 2-in-1
Operating System	Windows 11 Education or Pro	Windows 11 Education or Pro	Windows 11 Education or Pro
Display	11-14" Touch	13-14" Touch	14" High-quality touch
Storage	256GB SSD	256GB SSD	512GB SSD
RAM	16GB	16GB Min	16-32 GB
Processor	Mid-range CPU	Mid-high Range CPU	High performance CPU
Battery	8+hours	8+hours	10+hours
Ports	USB-C, USB-A, HDMI, audio	USB-C, USB-A, HDMI, audio	USB-C, USB-A, HDMI, audio
Wireless	Wi-Fi, Bluetooth	Wi-Fi, Bluetooth	Wi-Fi, Bluetooth
Camera & Mic	Front Cam & Mic	Front Cam & Mic	Front Cam & Mic

Can I charge the device at school?

Students are expected to charge their device at home ready for the school day. No other charging facilities are provided, and students are not to bring their chargers to school.

How are student devices kept safe?

Students and parents are encouraged to keep the device in a sleeve, ideally one that is water resistant. Many school bags have a device pocket for added security during transport. The option is available to purchase a specialised laptop bag

There are lockers available for rental at school, and these can be secured with locks and provided for storage of not only the device but other students belongings during a school day.

The school accepts no responsibility for accidents, damage, loss or theft of a student device.

How are students kept safe online?

Students are kept safe online through the Catholic School's web filtering service that generally prevents students accessing inappropriate materials.

Student devices are monitored by teachers throughout the school day.

Student devices used at home are not monitored, and parents are encouraged to investigate ways of keeping students safe online. The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has resources that can assist parents.

Students are expected to refer to the Cybersafety User Agreement for Secondary Students as outlined in and provided as part of the enrolment process

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Where to from here?

If you require any advice, please contact Mr Carney (phillip.carney@mn.catholic.edu.au) the school's Coordinator of Digital Innovation And Learning (DIAL)

If this cost causes you concern, please make an appointment to meet with the Principal. Parents can purchase a device of their *"choice"* that complies with St Clare's minimum specifications at any time. For parents wishing to buy from the school purchase portal please see the details below.

Purchase Portal Link:

St Clare's has established a parent purchase portal which offers direct purchasing options that match the requirements for devices that are spelled out in this document.
The portal will allow parents to purchase devices with finance or directly and will offer supplementary Accidental Damage Insurance (ADP) and three-year on-site warranty options.

The link to the school purchase portal is: ***https:/sclarehs.orderportal.com.au***