

## BYOD Program - 2023

Macleod College understands the importance of ensuring our students develop 21st Century Skills. We strive to provide our students with relevant curriculum, building an enthusiasm for learning and essential skills to be adaptable, resourceful and flexible thinkers. Students attending Macleod College are required to bring a laptop to school each day. Our program aims to support families by offering flexibility in the type of laptop you wish to purchase or already have. For families that may already have an appropriate device it can eliminate the need to purchase additional equipment. If you have any questions about a device please contact the IT department at the college.

To support the BYOD program at Macleod College we use eduNET to provide a secure purchase portal for devices.

- eduNET portal <https://macleodcollege.technologyportal.com.au/>
- eduNET portal password is **MCBYOD!**

**\* It is strongly recommended that you purchase a laptop quickly due to stock availability and high demand.**

**\* For older devices please be aware that the end of life date for Windows 10 is May 14, 2024.** After this date Microsoft will not be supporting Windows 10 with security patches via Windows Update.

[End of life information from Microsoft](#) and [How to find your windows version](#)

### Minimum Device Requirements

<b>Age</b>	less than 2 years old
<b>Operating System Minimum</b> <i>Preferred OS Windows 11</i>	<b>Windows 10 - 22H2 or Apple OSX 11</b> <b>Windows Devices are PREFERRED - Please do not purchase tablet or chromebook devices</b>
<b>RAM</b>	8GB
<b>WIFI</b>	Dual-Band (2.4 and 5ghz)
<b>Screen Size</b>	Between 11 to 13"
<b>Battery</b>	5 hours without the need for charging
<b>Toughened Bag</b>	Slip cases are <b>NOT</b> advised, toughened bags are recommended - estimated cost \$30-\$80

### Recommended Models - Available via eduNET portal - Prices are subject to change

Brand	Model	Processor	RAM	Hard Drive	Price
Lenovo	ThinkPad 11e 5th Gen Yoga	Intel Celeron N4120	4GB	128gb	<b>\$631.05</b>
Lenovo	500W Gen 3	Intel N6000	8GB	256gb	<b>\$825.58</b>
Lenovo	13W Yoga	Ryzen 5 5625U	8GB	256gb	<b>\$1088.43</b>
Lenovo	Thinkpad L13 Yoga Gen 3	Intel Core i5 - 1235U	16GB	256gb	<b>\$1369.79</b>
Lenovo	Thinkpad L13 Yoga Gen 3	Intel i7 - 1255U	16GB	512GB	<b>\$1692.85</b>
Apple	MacBook Air 13.6"	M2 8-Core CPU	8GB	256gb	<b>\$1709.40</b>
Apple	Macbook Pro 13.3"	M2 8-Core CPU	8GB	256gb	<b>\$1799.60</b>

### Options - Highly Recommended

<b>Insurance - iBroker 3 years</b>	Loss, Theft and Accidental Damage (excess charges and fees depend on the type of device)
<b>Extended Warranty 3 years</b>	For the device and/or battery (prices vary depending on the chosen device)

## Frequently Asked Questions.

### Is a device required?

Yes. In today's digital environment access to a personal learning device is essential. Students access online resources and curriculum on a daily basis and use Compass and Google Apps to research, check and submit Learning Tasks set by teachers. The Victorian Curriculum requires students to use Technology.

### Insurance - Do I need it?

\* **Required** - Student devices are not covered for loss/theft/damage under this program, therefore parents are required to organise appropriate insurance. Be aware of insurance excess costs and the number of allowed claims over the life of the policy. *Macleod College is not responsible for data recovery or repairs to student devices and students are advised to maintain backups and organise repairs.*

### Extended Warranty - Do I need it?

\* **Highly recommended** the extended warranty is advised and is best practice when purchasing expensive equipment. The average life of a device is 3-4 years. You are advised to check the pricing and agreement terms before purchasing any warranty or insurance plans. The edunet portal includes optional extras for insurance and warranty that can be included when purchasing a device.

### Do we still need textbooks?

Many students find it easier to work from a physical textbook. For mobile devices, some textbook publishers have ebook versions available. This allows for students to leave physical textbooks at school and use the digital version at home. You are advised to check the school booklist before making any purchases.

### I already own a device, can I bring it to school?

If the device you already own meets the device requirements specified above, it is acceptable to bring to school.

### Is identification of student devices required?

Before the student brings the device to school it is important that you make a note of the brand, model and serial number in case the device is lost or stolen. This information is required for police reports. The use of a name tag or identification stickers is advised as some students may have identical devices.

### Is the Internet safe?

Macleod College utilises the internet as provided by the Department of Education & Training, this is filtered and monitored to ensure students access to the internet is appropriate and safe on all school and BYOD devices.

### How does the student connect to the network?

Students are advised to bring their devices to school on the first day. Students receive an IT induction, during this session their devices are connected to the WIFI and their account details are provided. It is important that students do not share their account information with other students.

### How do students store their device?

Students are not to leave any valuables in school lockers overnight, weekends or holidays. All students must have a padlock/combination lock to secure their lockers at all times. **All devices are to be locked in lockers**, when not in use or during a sporting activity. No devices are to be left unattended at any time.

### Can students use a smartphone?

Mobile phones are not considered a BYOD device, in 2019 the Victorian Education Department announced that Mobile phones will be banned for all students at all Victorian state primary and secondary schools from Term 1 2020. More information is available from this website <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/students-using-mobile-phones/policy>