



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Wedderburn College uses a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. Wedderburn College balances the use of computers with the requirements of the Victorian curriculum with a mindfulness of the benefits of reducing screen time for children and young adults.

At Wedderburn College students in:

- Years F-4 : have access to class sets of notebooks and iPads
- Years 5&6: have the option to purchase their own laptop (BYOD)
OR borrow or device through the College Netbook Program
- Years 7-12: are required to purchase their own laptop (BYOD) and have it at the beginning of Term 1 in Year 7, and every year thereafter

To help students and parents with purchasing their BYOD, the school suggests some specifications for notebooks (allowing parents to shop about, especially during 'sales time'). There is the option to purchase via the BYOD Portal which lists school approved Notebooks.

Suggested Notebook Specifications

- Operating System: Windows 10 or newer
- CPU: Intel i3, equivalent or better (please note high end Pentium processors combined with an SSD Hard drive will be able to handle school requirements)
- RAM/Memory: 4GB or more
- Storage: 128GB or larger. Solid State Drives (SSD) is preferred.
- Screen Size: 11 inches or larger
- Suggested warranty of 2 years or more
- A Laptop Bag is essential
- Battery life of 5hrs or more
- AntiVirus software is required before computers are allowed on the school's wireless network

Please note: Students are able to access a free copy of Microsoft Office 365 by using their school email address at:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/education/students/default.aspx>

Some subjects (especially in VCE) may require computers with greater performance options eg photography, arts, multimedia, etc. We would encourage getting devices with higher specifications.

Apple MacBook's can work at school but students need to be aware how these machines are different, especially if using them for the first time.

Student use of their device and the resources of the school are subject to general behavioural expectations, the Digital and Mobile Technologies policy, the Internet User Agreement, and all other College Policies.

Families who may find it difficult to procure a suitable device for their child are requested to contact the College Business Manager or the Assistant Principal to discuss options.

Yours sincerely

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