

Secondary School Technology Requirements

Since we implemented a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model in the Adolescent Community, we have tried to be flexible with the operating systems, and services available to students. However, efficiently managing the services and security for the school's IT infrastructure, whilst accommodating these BYO devices has proven to be challenging.

Starting in 2025, **we will require our Year 7 students to only use Chromebooks when on the school network.**

Our IT department recommends this one from [JB HI-FI - ASUS CX34 14" FHD Chromebook Plus \(Intel Core i5\)\[256GB\]](#). We recommend a screen no smaller than 14 inches.

Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks connect effortlessly with our Google Workspace security and services, whether connected to the internet at the school or elsewhere. ChromeOS operates uniquely, protecting it from computer viruses plaguing Windows and MacOS devices. This ensures that our students can safely utilise the internet without the constant concern of compromising their personal information.

Software and services:

Most software is moving from locally installed, to SAAS model delivered via a browser. This is occurring as continual advancements in browser technology improve the speed, security, and overall experience of web browsing. Features like instant page loading, voice control, enhanced privacy, and AI integration make browsing more efficient, user-friendly, and secure, benefiting both casual and professional users. This trend is predicted to continue into the future as technology progressively moves to this model, and Google Chrome is the leading browser in this space.

Our centralised management system will allow our IT team to implement security protocols when necessary, whilst efficiently providing all of the services our students require. This will create a safer digital environment for our learners.

Please also ensure that your adolescent's device and charger are clearly labeled before they bring them to school.