

2019 BYOD Information

It's that time of the year and you may be thinking about getting your child a new laptop/tablet for the upcoming school year. If you are, please read on for more information about Echuca College BYOD program and our recommendations.

What should I buy?

Generally speaking, we recommend either Windows PC or Apple Mac devices. Out of these two, it's a personal choice – both will work and support the programs Echuca College use – FYI our staff also use a mixture of Apple Mac laptops and Windows based devices (Acer or Lenovo).

If you are considering a Windows tablet, ensure it has an attachable keyboard, and the screen can support it-self for use on a desk and your lap.

iPads?

Due to the limitations of iPads of getting work to and from the devices, we no longer recommend these as a suitable device, and suggest (when feasible) migrating to a Windows PC or Apple Mac Laptop. However, we are happy to connect these to the network and assist your child in getting the apps we know that work onto their device.

Ok, what are the system requirements?

The recommended minimum technical specifications are:

- Windows 10 (Windows based machines), OSX 10.10 (Apple Mac)
- Processor: Intel i3 Gen 6 or AMD r3
- Wireless: 802.11 a/n/c support
- Screen: 11"+
- Hard Drive: Minimum 128GB
- Battery: 4+ hours run time
- Memory: 4GB
- Accessories: Attachable keyboard

We have more info on
this at:

<http://tiny.cc/ecbyod>

Anything else I need to ensure the device has?

Please ensure your child's device is protected either in a specifically designed case/bag or protective cover. Leaving it in the school bag is not enough protection alone, especially transporting to and from home.

Insurance – Both lost/stolen and accidental damage cover. Some house and contents policies cover these devices, so it does pay to review your policy before committing to buying a device. We recommend having the device covered for 3 years.

Warranty – All new laptops come with 12 month warranty, but most issues start arising soon afterward or into their second year. Please consider extending warranty out to three years.



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So, where can or should I buy from?

Echuca College has teamed up with Smartmove Computing in Echuca and Centrecom Bendigo and have formed an endorsed list of BYOD devices, which include Acer, HP, Lenovo and Apple Macbook laptops. These are very competitively priced (and often cheaper as they are discounted for Education), with options to extend warranty, insurance options, a range of carry cases and finance options. The devices are generally built to different specifications and designed to last in an education environment.

The partnership with these suppliers also enable us to directly support the student's device with the supplier – all warranty, accidental coverage and quoting for repairs can be done by the I.T. team at Echuca College. Leave the I.T. speak to the professionals. ;)

We do not restrict you from purchasing from these endorsed suppliers – for as long as the device you choose to buy has the minimum specifications, we will allow your child to bring it and connect to the school network. The support received may be limited as we won't be able to facilitate correspondence with the place of purchase.

We recommend parents and students visit our BYOD section on our website for the latest information from our endorsed suppliers, products, links to downloadable software and our hardware requirements:

<http://www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au/learning/byod/>

or

<http://tiny.cc/ecbyod>

If you would like further information, or recommendations on a device, please call the office on 03 54821133 and request to speak to one of the I.T. technicians who are more than willing to assist.

2018/2019 Brochure:

<http://tiny.cc/ecsm19>



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<https://www.leadingedgeechuca.com.au/byod/apply>



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Online Ordering Portal:

<https://eduportal.centrecom.com.au/Preview/1045>

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