



Glen Eira College

Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) Program

An important part of our strategic priority to eventually create a 1:1 learning environment, Glen Eira College is encouraging Year 11 and 12 students to participate in a BYOL Program. Although the Chromebook has proved to be an excellent companion device for students in Years 8 - 10, the computing requirements in the years 11 and 12 can increase in certain discipline areas and a Chromebook may no longer be adequate. We also recognise that many families of Year 11 and 12 students may be investing in technology to go beyond their student's time at Glen Eira College. If that technology is suitable for use in the school environment, we believe it is best to allow the students to make use of it rather than mandating a particular device which would incur further parental expense. As long as the mobile device meets the specifications listed below, Year 11 and 12 students will be able to bring a device to school and connect to the College network. However, be advised that our ICT staff are providing support only to connect to the school network. Any other software/hardware issues that arise must be handled by the student/parent/guardian through a warranty or at a private ICT support service.

BYOL Terms and Conditions

Any laptop must be operating with the Windows 10 or Mac OS X as the base operating system to be considered suitable. If you wish to upgrade an existing device you own, we recommend you discuss your machine's specifications with the retailer prior to upgrading. Any device must be equipped with an anti-virus program and free of any malicious software. Our ICT staff reserve the right to reject a device based on their technical expertise and any concerns that could impact workload or the network.

The school will not provide any technical supports for BYOD repairs, software issues and breakages. Parents will be required to organise any repairs or insurance issues themselves.

User Responsibilities:

- Regularly backing up data
- Carrying device in an appropriate protective case at all times
- Bringing device fully charged to school
- Making sure device has latest and appropriate virus protection

Devices must meet the following minimum specifications:

- CPU: Intel Core i5-7200U Processor (2.50GHz, 3MB L3 Cache, 2133MHz)
- SCREEN: 13.3" FHD (1920x1080)
- MEMORY: 8GB DDR4 Memory
- WIRELESS: Intel Dual Band Wireless-AC 8265 (2x2, 802.11ac)
- HARD DRIVE: 256GB Solid State Drive
- KEYBOARD: Integrated Keyboard
- BATTERY: Up to 9 Hours
- CAMERA: Front Facing

Other requirements

- Lightweight, portable and compatible with school locker storage space and usable classroom desk space
- Small protective bag for protection of the computer whilst in transit between classes and to and from school
- All devices **must** use only **licensed software**

When purchasing a computer it is a good idea to show the minimum specifications to the supplier so that they can provide guidance as to the suitability of different devices and also warranty/repair conditions.

We strongly advise against the purchase of expensive technology for use at school. The College does not have insurance to cover the loss or damage to mobile devices so we strongly advise that you check your personal insurance coverage and ensure your insurance company covers this. If a computer is lost or damaged, it is the parents/guardians' responsibility for it to be replaced or repaired.

Any parents or guardians seeking further clarification or advice should direct their queries to glen.eira.co@edumail.vic.gov.au. Your query will be directed to the appropriate person who will be able to assist you.