

Bring your Own Device (BYOD)

Marian College will be introducing BYOD for students starting with Year 9 students in 2021. Below is a list of specifications for those who need to purchase a device. If your daughter currently has a laptop, a tablet PC with a keyboard or a Chromebook, then there is no need to purchase a new one. *Please note that mobile phones, iPads and Android Tablets are not suitable for educational use at secondary school level.*

The following specifications are recommended:

- Laptop (or Tablet PC with a keyboard), Chromebooks may be used in Years 9 and 10 but are not suitable for senior level study.
- Windows 10 or 10S operating system
- Dual Core Processor (i5 or better is recommended)
- Minimum of 4GB RAM (8GB is recommended for senior students)
- Minimum of 64GB Hard Disk (128GB is recommended for senior students)
- Solid state drive (SSD) is recommended for prolonged battery life.
- Built in wireless
- Screen size of at least 11 inches (13 inches is preferred)

Other considerations include:

- Battery life- Marian College has limited facilities for charging batteries during the day and students change rooms for most periods. Devices need to have a battery life of at least six hours.
- Weight- Devices are carried throughout the day so minimising weight is a further consideration.
- Robustness- Devices must be robust enough to withstand being dropped and should be carried in a suitable case for additional protection. Please note that students are responsible for their own insurance cover (which also needs to cover loss and theft). Students devices are not covered under Marian College insurance policies.
- Anti-Virus software- this is recommended to protect the data on the device and to prevent the device from being used to spread malware. Some operating systems have antivirus software included.
- Warranties- these should be discussed directly with the retailer at the time of purchase

Marian College uses G Suite applications, including Gmail, Google Classroom, Google Meet and Google Docs. Your daughter will be provided with a school account to access these applications. Students also have access to free Microsoft Office applications available for download at school through ICT technician.

Support is available for school account issues but there is no on-site support for repairing damaged devices. This needs to be covered by the device supplier.

Local retailers who offer BYOD support include PB Technologies, Noel Leeming and Warehouse Stationery and Harvey Norman.