Device Selection

The table below has been created to assist parents needing to buy a new device for BYOD in 2023.

With tablet devices and laptop computers, whether they run Android, iOS, Windows or Mac operating systems, there is a large variation both in terms of computing power and price. For example, a high-end Mac Book Pro is more powerful than a Mac Book Air and in some cases a laptop computer is more versatile than a tablet device, however **it is not necessary to always look for the most powerful or most expensive**. Parents should weigh factors such as their sons' year group, size and weight of device and battery life when deciding on a computing device for their son. Parents should not be swayed by pressure from sons or peers when purchasing a device. The school supports your decisions, in line with the guidelines published below.

Please note: in all cases, the College does not recommend that parents purchase devices with 3G/4G capabilities/services. The use of mobility to hotspot for internet access is prohibited during school hours.

	Years 5 - 6	**Years 7 - 10**	**Years 11 - 12**

Windows 10/11 Laptop
    Microsoft Surface
    Other Windows laptop brands e.g. HP, Dell, Ac er
	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable[#1]

Apple Laptop OSX 11
    Macbook
    Macbook Air
    Macbook Pro
	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable[#1]

Chromebook

Linux Based Operating System

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I haveions

Why can't my son use his device at recess or lunch?
Young people have plenty of opportunities in class and at home to use technology. Keeping recess and lunch device-free supports interaction, talk and play. Students who need to do homework or assignments during lunch can sit in the research section of the library to use devices for educational purposes. Boys using the library at lunch are not to do so for game-playing or video-viewing.

Supporting Documentation

This BYOD guide should be read in conjunction with all other College policies and documents.
This includes, but is not limited to:
- ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
- Student Use of Mobile Devices Guidelines
- BYOD Equity Policy