



St. Patrick's College, Silverstream began implementing Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in 2015 for Year 9s and we are now a BYOD school for all Year Levels.

BYOD – Specifications and Frequently Asked Questions

Google School

We are a Google School which means the teachers, students and support staff use Gmail, Google Docs, Google Classroom, Google Forms and other Google platforms when and where appropriate.

Recommended Devices and Specifications

E-learning requires digital devices to support, enhance and transform learning. For most students a **Chromebook** will be adequate for their needs in the classroom. Chromebooks provide a good option in terms of affordability, battery-life, connectivity and productivity. The 2GB would be the minimum requirement, 4GB is recommended. If your son already has a laptop then he may use that at school providing it meets the following specifications:

- Windows 8, 10 or if it is an Apple device, then any operating system from 2009 or later.
- Minimum 4GB of RAM
- Battery life largely depends on what the device is being used for but, in general, the battery should be able to last the school day without needing to be recharged (at least 6 hours).
- Screen size should be large enough to create, edit and work with documents.
- **Cellphones & iPads are not adequate devices to be using in a learning environment.**
- Browser Capability – browser capable of internet access (e.g. Internet Explorer, Chrome).
- Wireless networking (WiFi) capable.
- Anti-Virus – this is essential to protect data on the device and ensure that malware is not spread to other devices on the school network or at home.
- Robustness – the device needs to handle the inevitable knocks and the constant opening and closing, so some kind of protective case is required.
- Weight – students have to carry their device with everything else during the day. Feedback from schools indicate the device should be less than 1.5kg, including the case.
- Insurance – the school does not accept responsibility if a device is lost, damaged or stolen.
- Please check that your own insurance policy covers the device.
- Security – the college provides lockers for the safe and secure storage of your son's device while he is at school, but it is his responsibility to follow our requirements on the use of these facilities.
- Service/Support – the school does not provide any service or support for student owned devices.

Who supports the students with their device whilst at school? The device is responsibility of the student. They will be expected to know the basics of using their particular device, for example; how to turn it on and off, volume control, locating and saving files. We have an IT technician, however the school does not provide servicing or repair, but can support with advice if technical problems occur. Teachers able to help students with organising their Google Folders and Docs. The school network enables us to monitor the use of all devices connected to it and all activity is tracked and logged. Student access to some websites is restricted. Parents are encouraged to discuss safe internet usage with their son. By signing the Responsible Digital Citizen Agreement your son and you agree to the using the network appropriately at all times.