

# Device Policy

## Rational

The Warrnambool College Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy is designed to enable all students to have access to appropriate technological resources in all their classes.

Warrnambool College takes seriously the role of computers in the classroom to ensure all students have access to the same learning outcomes. The purpose of the BYOD Policy is to establish a framework that facilitates the use of computers for the purposes of teaching and learning in the classroom.

Students are entitled to connect one computer only to the College computer network. Before purchasing a computer, we recommend you discuss which computer is most appropriate with your child depending on their year level and chosen pathway. The table below provides an overview of the College's BYOD Policy requirements at each year level.

Insurance for the computer regarding loss, theft or damage is the responsibility of the owner of the device.

School Technicians will support students in connecting to the Warrnambool College WiFi and network resources only. Any technical support required for software, operating system and hardware errors are the student's responsibility.

## Overview of BYOD Policy - required computers for each year level

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
iPad with a physical keyboard.			Transition to Windows Laptop / Apple Macbook / Chromebook*	Windows Laptop / Apple Macbook / Chromebook/iPad	Windows Laptop / Apple Macbook / Chromebook/iPad

\* Note: Students may continue to use an iPad with a physical keyboard, however it is recommended that you discuss with your child their requirements for years 10 through 12 depending upon their chosen subjects and pathways.

## Recommended specifications for purchased computers

Device type	Windows laptop	Apple Macbook	iPad	Chromebook
Operating system	Windows 10 Home	macOS Big Sur 11	iOS 12.0	Google Chrome
Wireless connect	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimum screen size	12.3 inch	13.3 inch	7.9 inch	11.6 inch

Note: Android devices are not compatible with the Warrnambool College network.

## Software requirements for BYOD

### Google Suite

All students at Warrnambool College are provided with their own Google Suite (G Suite) account. G Suite is cloud based and works on any computer with a Chrome, Edge or Safari browser. As such your child can work online anytime, and on any computer.

G Suite is provided to students for the purposes of teaching and learning. It provides access to services such as Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drawings, Sites and Gmail. This provides

your child with access to a range of digital tools for classroom activities and promotes ‘digital citizenship’ through the appropriate use of an online system.

The table below specifies the minimum functional requirements for a computer.

### Functional requirements for BYOD

<b>Software</b>	Web browser: Google Chrome; Microsoft Edge; Apple Safari. PDF reader: Adobe Acrobat Reader or equivalent.
<b>G Suite access</b>	Warrnambool College will provide username and password access. No software is required to be installed.
<b>WiFi Network Access</b>	Warrnambool College will provide username and password access.
<b>Antivirus software</b>	Windows laptops and Apple Macbooks must have up to date antivirus software installed.

### Back up of students documents

It is the responsibility of all students to ensure they have backed up their own documents to separate media. Note, students using G Suite do not need to back up to separate media as documents are automatically saved to Google's cloud based storage.

### Purchasing for BYOD

Warrnambool College will provide parents with the opportunity to purchase a computer that meets the BYOD policy requirements via its online portal at:

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/>

Warrnambool College also supports the local community and as such encourages parents to purchase a device that meets the BYOD policy from a local supplier. However, the College does not provide recommendations with respect to specific local suppliers.

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