

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on BYOT, please refer to our school internet page.

Please feel free to call the school to discuss any other questions or concerns you may have.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT  
ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 8  
& 9 HAVE A SUITABLE  
DEVICE TO BRING TO  
SCHOOL IN 2018**

CHS cannot recommend a particular device, however, our current year 7 and 8 students have found the following brands seem to work well with our system and suit the IT demands in class:

- Acer
- Lenovo
- Toshiba

Our system mainly supports window based products; apple products such as iPads are not recommended.

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# BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY @ CHS

Bring Your Own Technology or BYOT is where students bring an electronic device to school. This allows them to connect, collaborate and create in all of their classes. Importantly, students are able to access their work anywhere, anytime. This will enable them to become more portable and to leave school prepared for the technological demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

With changes in funding and consequent reduction in the number of computers, schools are implementing BYOT to ensure that students will continue to have access to technology.

### **WHY DO STUDENTS NEED THEIR OWN LAPTOPS?**

Computers are tools of the 21<sup>st</sup> century much like pen and paper in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At CHS we deliver course content online and use computers regularly for collaborating, presenting, researching and creating digital products. The skills developed in using different applications and in working online will prepare students for life outside of school.

### **WHAT DEVICE WILL YOU NEED TO PROVIDE?**

It is up to you what brand or type of device you would like to provide, however, in order for students to be able to operate effectively, there are **minimum specifications** for all devices:

- Minimum screen size 9.7" screen
- 4GB RAM
- Storage capacity 64GB (for a laptop)
- Storage capacity 32GB (for a tablet)
- Operating system Windows 7/8/10, MAC OS X 10.10 or higher, IOS9 or higher
- Up to date security software
- External keyboard
- Touch pad, mouse etc. or touch screen
- Recommend minimum 6 hour battery capacity – device will need to be brought to school fully charged each day
- USB Port
- Accessories (Headphones, spare power cord and a case)

### **WHAT SOFTWARE WILL THE DEVICE NEED TO HAVE?**

The device will require a web browser. The Department of Education provides a student with 5 licenses for Office 365 while enrolled. During the first few weeks of school, teachers will assist students to install Office 365 on their device.

### **WHAT SUPPORT WILL CHS PROVIDE?**

It is recommended that you purchase a new device that will come with a warranty or, if you will be purchasing a 2nd hand device, an add-on warranty such as Apple Care should be considered.

Our Student Help Desk is able to provide support to connect to the network as well as providing advice on the actual device including software. Our IT Support Staff provide support up to the connectivity level. Their primary role is to support our infrastructure, staff and school-owned devices.

CHS will supply access to our Wi Fi allowing students to connect to the internet, intranet and any other online services required as part of the educational program.

### **HOW DO I KNOW IT WILL BE SECURE?**

All students have a secure locker where any device should be stored when not in use. The device should be transported in a suitable bag that will protect it. Devices should be protected with a secure and unique password.

### **WHAT FORMS ARE REQUIRED?**

Each year all students are required to have signed an ICT Acceptable Use form.