

BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE) GUIDELINES

Research shows that the benefit of having individual full-time access to a computing device is extremely valuable, and will become more so in the future. Digital literacy is becoming a significant factor in future career success for today's students as we move to an increasingly digital economy.

Students at Mildura Senior College overwhelmingly report that personal devices and online learning support are valuable and advantageous in achieving educational outcomes.

Features to keep in mind when purchasing a device:

- **The device is portable enough for the student to manage taking it to school and between classes each day.** *Our student surveys indicate this is the feature that has the greatest influence on how often students bring their devices to class.*
- Ensure that the operating system installed on the device meets the criteria set out above.
- The device has a screen size of 10" or greater.
- If purchasing a tablet, look for one with a dockable keyboard option.
- The device has a warranty period of 2 years or greater.
- If possible, get accidental damage cover.
- The battery has a life of at least 6 hours.
- The device has a solid state hard drive for fast start up, low weight and shock resistance.

Some operating systems have limitations on the college network. Below is a table that explains what function will work with each of the supported operating systems:

Supported OSs	Internet	Web Apps	Files	Print
Windows 7+	YES	YES	YES	YES
Mac OSX 10.6+	YES	YES	YES	YES
iOS6+	YES	YES	*	**
Android 5+	YES	YES	*	**

* This is possible with installation of third party apps.

** Limited file formats

We recommend when looking at devices to keep the following specifications in mind

Netbook	Notebook	High Performance Laptop
Processor: Atom or greater RAM: 2GB or greater Hard Drive: SSD 32GB or greater or HDD Screen: 10" or greater	Processor: i3 or greater † RAM: 4GB or greater Hard Drive: SSD 64GB or greater Screen: 12" or greater Keyboard: Full sized Weight: 2 kg or less	Processor: i5 or greater † RAM: 8GB or greater Hard Drive: SSD 120GB or greater Screen: 13" or greater Keyboard = Full Size Weight: 2 kg or less

† 4th Generation or higher processors recommended for battery life

The College website has links to recommended suppliers, however any supplier can be used, and the purchase of any product is between the supplier and yourself. The College is in no way involved in the transaction or any pre-sale or post sale support.

Connecting My Device

Before any device can be connected to the college network, the *ICT Acceptable Use Agreement* must be signed and returned. The device must also be protected against viruses. If the device requires antivirus software, the Helpdesk staff will install the DEECD antivirus solution if deemed necessary.

If the student does not have Microsoft Office, it can be installed upon request (Windows and MacOS devices) at no charge. When the owner ceases to be a student at Mildura Senior College, the software must be removed to comply with licencing requirements.

Students are expected to charge devices overnight and bring them to school fully charged each day.