

Wonthaggi Secondary College McKenzie Campus

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2020

Wonthaggi Secondary College students are to provide their own Personal Learning Device from Year 10 to Year 12.

Many educational benefits arise from students using their own devices at the McBride campus and it is a requirement that students bring a fully charged device to school every day.

Smart phones and tablets are inappropriate devices for the majority of educational purposes, as a consequence, laptops or netbooks are the preferred device.

Computers purchased through WSC:

It is up to individual families to decide which devices suit their child's requirements, to help in that decision the school has organized purchase from Edunet.

Edunet is based in Mornington and is committed to providing good quality student notebooks at affordable prices. They support our hardware at every stage of the process and pride themselves on high quality service. The school receives no commission from parents, nor the company, for using this service.

The online ordering portal is accessible via <http://wonthaggisc.technologyportal.com.au>. The password you will need to access the portal is **WSC2020**

We have selected three devices with warranties that meet the school's requirements. Details of which are on the portal.

Families on health care cards will be eligible for a \$320 subsidy for this purchase –

To be eligible for the school subsidy students must have a current health care card.

Parents are required to come to the McBride general office with the students health care card.

Office staff then get a copy of the card and fill in the appropriate paperwork, they then generate a voucher online through edunet

Parents are given the voucher and asked to make the purchase through the laptop portal.

In the final stage of the portal parents are asked to payment, in this section there is an add discount coupon button

Computers not purchased through WSC:

Computers not purchased through WSC can either be a windows or mac operating system - but need to meet minimum requirements so that they can connect to the school wireless network and perform the necessary tasks.

Minimum requirements are:

- **Operating System: Minimum**, Mac OS X 10.13(High Sierra) or higher, Windows 10 or higher.
- **Processor:** Minimum – Quad Core or higher.
- **Memory (RAM):** Minimum – 4GB or higher.
- **Hard Drive:** Minimum - 120GB or higher.
- **Battery Life:** Minimum – 6HRS or higher.

If the computer does not meet the above requirements WSC cannot guarantee that it will perform as required.

Please note: Chromebooks do not connect to our network.

Warranty provisions mean that computers provided outside of the WSC portal will receive restricted support from the I.T. staff at the school. We will provide assistance with technical issues, such as ensuring that the student's device connects to the Wi-Fi network and all available services such as email and printing. The IT Department will not undertake mechanical repairs. All devices should be under warranty, so any technical faults will be addressed under the terms of the warranty, meaning that parents/families are responsible for having devices repaired.



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Ownership

- The device is owned by the parents/student but is made available for use as part of the school learning program.
- Parents/students should be aware that files stored on the device are private but may be publicly accessed as part of learning programs.

Software and access

- The school will provide information about standard software programs and applications required for installation on personal devices and will advise when new software or applications need to be purchased.
- Parents are responsible for purchasing and installing new programs on personal devices. Parents are advised to set up a separate family account (not use their own accounts) to manage purchases for their child's device if using the Apple store.
- The school will provide access to most of the software required by students via our technicians and/or eduStar www.edustar.vic.edu.au/catalogue/Pages/SoftwareHome.aspx. There is no cost for this access.

School support

Support will be provided for:

- connecting the device to the school network, internet and other digital technologies
- set up and management of school, student email accounts
- all school-based software and associated issues with school applications
- hardware issues on devices purchased through school or school portal.
- some hardware issues on externally purchased devices (out of warranty, at the technician's discretion)

Support **will not** be provided for:

- Out of school networks, the internet, printers, or other devices not used in school
- personal email accounts and settings
- software issues arising from not using recommended software
- some hardware issues (Warranty repairs must be completed by manufacturer).

Damage or loss of equipment

- Parents are responsible for making sure the device is covered under their insurance, so that it can be replaced if lost or damaged and student learning is not interrupted.
- The school must be notified if the device is damaged or lost so that a student's learning program is not interrupted whilst being replaced.

User responsibilities

Students are responsible for:

- bringing portable devices fully-charged, with power adaptor, to school every day
- ensuring the device has appropriate virus protection
- backing up data securely including copying local data files to the network at all times
- carrying their device in an appropriate protective case at all times
- adhering to the school's Acceptable Use Agreement when using the machine, both at home and at school.
- Acceptable use policy is to be found on the school's website <http://www.wonthaggisc.vic.edu.au>

School Owned Desktops

- For graphic intensive subjects such as Digital Media and Visual communication the school provides powerful, industry standard desktop computers in specific rooms.
- There is no need for parents to purchase expensive devices for the BYOD program.

If you need any information or support to make your decision, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 5611 4000



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