

## Cromwell College Bring Your Own Device

### What Device to Bring?

- We strongly recommend a Google Chromebook or laptop for use by students. These devices fit our network best and have shown themselves to be the most suitable for the e-learning approaches we are using.
- A new computer is not required.

If you already have a computer then below is a list of the **minimum specifications** to ensure that the device supports your child's learning and connects easily to our school computer network:

- Wireless capable (802.11 a/b/g/n)
- Chromebook, netbook or laptop are strongly recommended
- Ideally less than 3 years old
- If it is a PC laptop then it needs to be running at least Windows 7
- Battery life of 5-6 hours
- 2 GB of RAM
- At least a 10 inch screen
- Protected by a robust carry case

Smart phones do not have the functionality required to be part of our BYOD programme.

If you are unsure whether your current computer will meet the required specifications then please contact Lachy Brett, our IT Manager, through school.

### Purchase of a new Chromebook

Our preferred device is a Google Chromebook and the various brands are very comparable eg HP, Acer and Samsung.

We realise that the cost of BYOD is significant for families. Families are welcome to purchase their Chromebook from business such as Noel Leemings, Warehouse Stationery Paper Plus or Harvey Norman. Some of these have 6-12 month interest free payment options.

If you have any questions or concerns about the purchase of a computer for your child then please contact Rowan Dunnet, our Executive Officer.

### How the device will be used

Year 7 and 8 homeroom teachers have been successfully using BYOD in classrooms this year mainly around Google Applications. They have been sharing, creating, completing and editing tasks, with work stored in the cloud. The device has also been used for internet research, communication, presentation and as a means for creating a portfolio of a student's work. Students still practice the craft of handwriting.

Students will be expected to have their device charged overnight ready for school the next day. Our school is not able to provide technical support, insurance or repair services. Secure lockers are provided for students.

Our Year 7 classes will discuss cyber safety, how to use their devices appropriately and how to keep themselves safe online.

A new Chromebook should last for 3-4 years. For Year 11-13 we recommend that students use a laptop.

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Thank you for your support with this initiative. If you have any questions then please contact me through school.

Mason Stretch  
Principal