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## BYOD Program

Bentley Park College has developed a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program in response to the significant role technology plays in education. The BYOD Program enables students to bring a personally owned device to school as a learning tool and provides seamless movement between school and home. The Program also aims to encourage a sense of ownership, responsibility and independence as well as improve our student's technology skills.

To ensure students have the best possible learning experience, please ensure their device meets the minimum specifications below. These are recommendations, with affordability and functionality, accidental protection insurance, and extended warranty, also being critical issues when deciding on a device.

### Why does your child need a BYOD device?

- Enhanced learning and engagement in the classroom.
- Independent learning at home.
- Seamless access to the curriculum, using your own device both at school and at home.
- Increased student participation, opportunities for collaboration and positive engagement during class time.
- Learning becomes student driven.
- Flexible learning options between home and school using a wide range of online learning programs and tools.
- Encourages and supports versatile learning styles and abilities.
- Increases opportunities and access to higher and extended learning.
- Improved Technology skills
- Includes Microsoft Office at no cost and Adobe Creative Suite at minimal cost.
- Access to school Outlook email, school calendar and information on events.
- Access to ClickView; The Learning Place; OneNote Classrooms; QLearn and Microsoft Teams.
- Access to Smart Online Learning Suite.
- Access to e-textbooks, including ReadCloud.
- For Primary: access to Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Scratch
- For Secondary: access to Mathspace and Mathletics

| Device Provider Examples  |  |
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| Acer<br><a href="https://byod.acer.com.au/school/qld/byod-store/notebooks">https://byod.acer.com.au/school/qld/byod-store/notebooks</a>                                     | 3-year on-site warranty (repairs are done at school)           |
| Hewlett Packard (HP)<br><a href="https://www.hp.com/au-en/shop/laptops-tablets/student-laptops.html">https://www.hp.com/au-en/shop/laptops-tablets/student-laptops.html</a> | 2 or 3 Year, 3 days Onsite Notebook Service packages available |
| JB Hi-Fi<br><a href="https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/">https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/</a><br>School code: <b>BPCBYOD2024</b>                                      | Extra Care Repair Cover available                              |
| Harvey Norman<br><a href="https://www.harveynorman.com.au/computers-tablets/computers/laptops">https://www.harveynorman.com.au/computers-tablets/computers/laptops</a>      | Product Care Replacement Plans are available                   |

| <b>BYOD Program Device Specifications</b> |  |  |
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| <b>Specifications</b>                     | <b>Minimum</b>   | <b>Recommended</b>   |
| Physical dimensions                       | 11"  | 14"  |
| Operating system                          | Windows 10<br>or Mac OSx 11.6 (or newer)   | Windows 11   |
| Hard drive/storage                        | 128GB HDD or SSD   | 256GB SSD (or larger)                                      |
| Memory                                    | 4GB RAM  | 8GB RAM  |
| Wireless capability                       | WiFi 802.11n/ac<br>(5Ghz)  |  |
| Warranty                                  |  | 3+ years warranty<br>3+ years accidental damage protection |
| Battery life                              | Advertised battery life of at least 6 hours  |  |
| Software                                  | Microsoft Office (available at no cost for students)<br><b>Anti-virus</b> - Windows Security (up to date) is available as part of Windows and has proven to be suitable and is free. You may want to purchase extra cover. |  |
| Software (optional)                       | Adobe Creative Cloud – available to all students at a price of \$10 per year   |  |
| Other                                     | Extra chargers<br>Bag<br>Mouse   |  |

#### **Important notes:**

- Chromebooks are unsuitable for the College environment as they require a connection to Google Drive which is blocked by the Queensland Department of Education.
- Smartphones will not be connected to College Wi-Fi.
- Please avoid touch screens as they can be easily damaged and are expensive to repair.

For specialised subjects such as ITD, the Arts and ICT, that require devices with specifications outside of the above recommendations, students will be provided with access to computer labs that contain the required programs and equipment for these subjects, this is covered by the Bentley Park College SRS scheme.

#### **Loan Device program**

Bentley Park College has a BYOD Loan Device program.

- Bentley Park College can assist with the provision of a loan device for students and families.
- Parents and carers who require a loan device should contact the school, or access the relevant information via our school website, <https://bentleyparkcollege.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device/student-laptop-hire-program>

If you have any questions regarding the BYOD Program or Loan Device program please contact the Head of Department ICT P-12, Tracy Shorten, on 4040 8252 or [tshor49@eq.edu.au](mailto:tshor49@eq.edu.au) .