

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

All students at St Ives High School participate in our *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) Program. BYOD refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.

Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Suite eg Photoshop etc **are available at no cost to Department of Education students on one device for either Apple or Microsoft platforms.** This should be factored in when choosing a device as it is often a sales incentive. Warranty and reliability should be the overriding concern.

We recommend a device that meets the following specifications:

Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 10 • Apple MacOS X 10.15 (Catalina) or newer • Apple iOS 14 or newer Note: Android-based devices are intentionally omitted as they are not a preferred solution.	✓
Wireless Compatibility **This is the most important specification as there will be no internet access if your device does not comply**	Device MUST have 5GHz- 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac to connect (Must have 'ac' to connect to school network) Devices with 802.11 b/g/n or 802.11 n will not connect	✓
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of at least six hours (There are minimal facilities to charge laptops in classrooms)	✓
Recommendations	Maximum weight: 2kg Minimum RAM (laptops): 8GB Disk configuration (laptops): Solid State disk (SSD-128GB or above) Protective cover/sleeve	✓
Considerations	Accidental loss and breakage insurance Anti-Virus Protection	✓

Take these specifications with you when purchasing a device.

We are not recommending Google Chromebooks as they are too limited in terms of software they can run.

Other devices such as iPads can be used but are not our preferred solution. If they are used, they will need an external keyboard.

We acknowledge that many students may have a device they have been using in Year 6, such as a tablet. While these are not recommended devices, we will support their use until the device needs to be replaced.