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# Recommended Device Specifications

At St Bede's College, we recognise that every student has different learning needs. Rather than mandating a particular device or brand, we provide the following recommended specifications to help families choose a suitable Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) laptop.

Students need a device that allows them to create and edit documents efficiently, access online learning resources and run the applications used in class. A high-performance or expensive machine is not necessary, and a large storage capacity is not required, as students will save and share much of their work in the cloud.

Portability, battery life, and durability are important considerations. Students carry their devices between classes throughout the day and may not have access to charging facilities. We therefore recommend a lightweight, well-built laptop with sufficient battery life to last the school day.

Students are responsible for keeping their devices in good working order. St Bede's College does not provide technical support or repair services for damaged personal equipment.

## Recommended Specification

St Bede's College primarily uses Windows-based systems to provide a consistent learning environment and support the applications used by teachers and students. MacBooks are also suitable, provided they meet the specifications below.

- **Screen size:** Minimum 13 inches; 14 inches preferred.
- **Processor:** Dual-core processor or better; Intel Core i5 or equivalent recommended
- **Memory (RAM):** 8 GB or more recommended
- **Storage:** 128 GB SSD or larger
- **Wireless connectivity:** 5 GHz Wi-Fi supporting 802.11ac (Wi-Fi 5), 802.11ax (Wi-Fi 6/6E) or 802.11be (Wi-Fi 7)
- **Operating system:** Windows 11 preferred or a supported version of macOS
- **Accessories:** Protective carry case and Headphones

**Please note:** Chromebooks and iPads do not meet the College's minimum device requirements and are not supported.

## Other considerations:

When choosing a laptop, we encourage families to consider the following.

- **Battery life:** Choose a device that can comfortably last at least eight hours of real-world use without needing to be recharged.
- **Durability and portability:** A lightweight, well-built laptop is easier to carry and better suited to everyday school use.
- **Warranty and repairs:** Check the manufacturer's warranty and available repair options. Families are responsible for arranging repairs and resolving hardware or software issues with personal devices.
- **Insurance:** Consider cover for accidental damage, loss and theft. The College's insurance policy does not cover students' personal property.
- **Protective case:** A suitable carry case can help protect the laptop while it is being transported between classes.

Although we do not require families to purchase a specific model or brand, we strongly recommend choosing a device that meets the specifications outlined above. A suitable device will help ensure students can access the digital tools and educational resources they need to support their learning throughout the school day.

### Microsoft Office 365

Students do not need to purchase Microsoft Office separately. Eligible students can access Microsoft 365 through the College. Further information about accessing and installing the software will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

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