



Year 4, 5 & 6 BYOL Program 2027 BYOL Device Requirements List*

Macs, iPads, notebooks or tablets are not suitable. NO CHROMEBOOKS please.

Laptops with Windows are suitable, providing they meet the following specifications.

Specification	Minimum Requirement
Screen size	at least 13 inches
RAM	8GB minimum
Storage	256GB solid state drive (SSD) is highly recommended
Network	Must support wifi 5 (802.11ac) or higher – very important <i>Please note: Laptops which only have 2.4Ghz wireless connectivity will not connect to Dept of Education network</i>
Operating system	Windows 11 <i>Windows 10 no longer supported, Window 10 devices should be avoided</i>
Processor	Intel Core i3 processor or equivalent, R3 Ryzen <i>Please note: Albany Creek SHS requires Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5</i>
Ports	2 USB ports (minimum) <i>Please note: Some new laptops come with only USB-C ports and will need a suitable adaptor to enable USB 2.0/3.0 to be plugged in</i>
Other	Battery able to hold charge for a minimum of 3 hours Webcam/camera Recommended minimum 2 year warranty Parents purchase insurance or add the laptop to their existing home and contents insurance
Accessories	Suitable carry bag Wired mouse (if required) On the school booklist already: - Headphones / microphone combo or a set of earphones (earbuds) – no bluetooth - USB storage device (8GB)
Software	- Anti- Virus Protection – Windows Defender is free with Windows. This is most suitable for use at school. We recommend you check before installing any other protection as other solutions may interfere with school security filtering - Microsoft Office 365 (i.e. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) This is available free for students. (See below **)

Parents must:

- **Provide administration rights to student** to install devices (printers, etc) or provide to teacher
- Ensure any repairs are conducted promptly to ensure maximum participation in the program.
- Ensure laptops are **FULLY** charged each night.
- Sign in with a Microsoft account during set up of laptop to switch out of 'S' mode

- **** Microsoft Office** is available free for students via: portal.office.com
- Parents should download this to their child's laptop prior to the commencement of the school year, using the students' **school username and password**. These are available now from their current teacher if students are unable to remember them. **Please do not use other email addresses – use school account details only.**
- **In the last week of school, student usernames and passwords will be sent home for all Year 3 students.**
- **Do not use school email to create a Microsoft account** when following set up wizard with a new laptop.
- **Do not sign in to OneDrive with personal email** (if OneDrive signs in automatically with your personal account, please remove it)
- **Please install more than one browser** (Google Chrome preferred)

Assistance:

If you require assistance or advice, please contact BYOL@albahillss.eq.edu.au

This address is monitored during school hours only.

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