



Alternative Device Guidelines

Bring Your Own Device 2025

We recognise that some families may transition from existing device programs where families have already invested in an alternative device for learning. The guidelines below aid those families about the use of BYO devices at St Joseph's Catholic College. Student BYO devices must meet or exceed the minimum specifications of the existing college laptop, including sufficient battery life to last the school day.

Warranty and Accidental Damage Protection

We strongly recommend buying ADP. Accidental damage protection (ADP) is not a standard offering in many retail stores, so it is important to discuss these options with the store. We recommend buying a 3-year extended on-site warranty for BYO devices. The cost of ADP plus excess is much lower than the full cost of a repair for accidental physical damage not covered by a warranty.

Restricted Devices

Some cheaper laptops that do not meet the minimum specifications have slow processing power, short battery life and connectivity problems with below specification devices.

CHROMEBOOKS

Although cheaper, these are restricted by storage, warranty, and the ability to install programs, as only apps installed from the google play app store will work.

WINDOWS 10S & 11S

Safe Mode has less capability and storage compared to normal Windows 10/11 Education/Pro versions. The lower storage space available with Windows 10S or 11S devices may prevent students from installing needed software.

MACBOOK

While MacBook's are compatible with the school network, the MacBook operating system is different and can pose a range of issues that the school can offer limited support for.

Administrator account

To successfully configure student devices and install the school software, students need to be an administrator of their device.

Anti-virus

Your Windows device comes with built in antivirus and malware protection through Windows Defender. This software is built into Windows and provided at no extra cost.

If you choose to run non-Microsoft protection software on the device, you must ensure that the software is configured to allow your child to install applications, install security certificates, access the CDMN school Wi-Fi network and browse the internet. This ensures your child is able to use the device for learning at school and will not be hindered by device restrictions.

Software

There is no need to buy added software. Students will receive a licence for software applications they will use at St Joseph's.

Recommended Minimum Specifications

Display	13" Touchscreen with stylus	Battery	8 hours
Processor CPU	AMD Ryzen 5 or Intel i5	Wireless	5GHz 802.11n- dual band wireless
Storage	256Gb SSD	Warranty	3 Years with ADP
RAM	16Gb DDR4	Operating System	Windows Professional
Accessories	Wired Headphones		Windows Education