

# Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL)

## Information and Guidelines

Bring Your Own Laptop enables new learning opportunities such as:

- collaboration
- learning differentiation
- learning beyond the classroom walls
- interactive learning
- electronic resources

Teaching and learning is supported, facilitated and 'redefined' by the use of digital technology and digital collaboration tools. The use of devices is being embedded in the delivery of teaching and learning at Sacred Heart Girls' College.

All students must have a laptop with them throughout the school day. It is strongly recommended that students bring their own laptop to school, however, under special circumstances we do have a limited number of laptops available to loan to students.

Students will require a laptop for a majority of their classes, but will not necessarily need to use them in all classes every day. There is an expectation that students will attend their classes with the correct equipment and if students do not bring their laptops to class or organise to use one of the school ones, then normal school procedures may be followed.

In order to effectively complete work during class time and enhance collaboration, the device should:

- have a screen size of at least 10 inches
- have a keyboard
- have a battery life that is able to last throughout the day
- be lightweight and robust
- have the ability to download subject specific software (therefore devices such as Chromebooks and tablets are not suitable)
- be able to easily create and edit documents
- have the ability to connect to a wireless network
- be insured (warranties and antivirus software are also recommended)

We strongly recommend the purchase of a Windows Laptop as this is the most suitable Laptop for the majority of subjects.

We DO NOT encourage the purchase or use of Tablets, Chrome Books, iPads and mobile phones as these do not meet our requirements. APPLE laptops should only be purchased where there is a subject specific need, ie. Music or Media.

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## Education Packages

Special Offers are available from the following retail partners:

PB Tech: [https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/sacred-heart-girls-college-ham?qr=pb\\_byod](https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod/sacred-heart-girls-college-ham?qr=pb_byod)

Noel Leeming: <https://shgcham.school.nz/current-families/stationery-byol/>

Heathcotes: <https://www.heathcotes.co.nz/heathcotes-back-to-school-2022>

## Applications

- Students and teachers have access to Gmail, Google Docs, Google Classroom, Google Calendar, Google Drive (with free cloud storage) and other associated products. These products are available for students to access at school and at home.
- Students also have access to download the Office 365 suite of products.
- Adobe Creative Cloud is also available for a nominal fee.

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