

Student Mobile Computing Device Recommendations

There are many makes and models of computers available on the market. Whichever make of computer you choose to buy for your son/daughter, the College gives the following general recommendations for compatibility with the recommended software/apps and for the ability to access the permitted area of the College network. The College only provides access to an “untrusted” area of the network for personal devices, which will only give students access to the Internet and e-mail.

Laptop/Notebook Computer Recommended Specifications

Criteria	Windows computer recommendations	Apple Mac recommendations
Operating System	Latest Windows Operating System	Latest Mac Operating System
Architecture	Latest Architecture	Latest Architecture
Processor	Latest Intel CPU and architecture (at least i5 or i7 CPU recommended)	Latest Intel CPU and architecture (at least i5 or i7 CPU recommended)
Wireless	WiFi with 802.11n WPA2 Enterprise and EAP-MSCHAP v2 support. 802.11ac support recommended.	WiFi with 802.11n WPA2 Enterprise and EAP-MSCHAP v2 support. 802.11ac support recommended.
Memory	Minimum 4GB RAM. 8GB or more recommended	Minimum 4GB RAM. 8GB or more recommended
Display	Minimum of 1280x1024 Display resolution	Minimum of 1280x1024 Display resolution
Graphics	Latest Graphics support with DirectX	Latest graphics support
Ports	Latest USB ports (at least USB 2.0, USB 3.0 recommended)	Latest USB ports (at least USB 2.0, USB 3.0 recommended)
AntiVirus / Security Software	AntiVirus Software with latest updates	AntiVirus Software with latest updates
Productivity Software	Latest version of MS Office	Latest version of MS Office
Multimedia	Speakers and multimedia capability	Speakers and multimedia capability
Carry Case	Secure and sturdy carry case with a clearly visible name tag	Secure and sturdy carry case with a clearly visible name tag

iPad Recommended Minimum Specifications

- Latest Apple iPad (minimum 128GB recommended) WiFi, 3/4G is optional[^]
- Additional AppleCare Warranty
- Apple iPad Cover
- STM Glove Neoprene Sleeve Carry Case for iPad or similar
- iTunes credit
- Insurance
- The College also recommends that the iPad be engraved with your name and contact details if possible
- The latest iOS must be installed on your iPad

[^]If parents choose to purchase their son or daughter an iPad or computer with 3/4G capability, then please be aware that 3/4G data is not be filtered by the College's Internet filters – meaning that there will be no restrictions with what material can be accessed.

Important Notes:

- Always ensure that the operating system of the computer/device has the latest updates installed.
- Always ensure that the AntiVirus program is current and has up to date virus definitions.
- It is advised that you insure the computer against theft, loss and damages.

By using their own personal device at the College, students automatically agree that they must abide by the College ICT Policies and understand that any violation of the policies mean that disciplinary action may be taken against them. In addition, certain acts of misuse of ICT, including hacking, could be classified as Federal offences under certain statutes.

If you are concerned about controlling Internet content that can be accessed at home, the College recommends using a free service such as OpenDNS (www.opendns.com) to filter Internet content for your home. It is a relatively simple to use tool whereby you can manage access to content categories. The service also works with most home Wi-Fi routers and ADSL/NBN gateways.