Canowindra High School 'Bring Your Own Device' Specifications



Hardware Specification Requirements

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Form Factor	Laptop, tablet or convertible device ¹
	A tablet device must have a physical keyboard available with separate keys for $A - Z$ and $0 - 9$. A separate Bluetooth device is sufficient to meet this requirement. Touchscreen Laptops are encouraged.
	Note 1: The Device must also have a camera and microphone. A stylus may be appropriate for touch screen devices.
Physical Dimensions	Minimum Screen Size: 9.7" Maximum Screen Size 13.3"
Operating System	 Microsoft Windows 7, Windows 8.1² or newer Microsoft Windows RT Apple MacOS X 10.6 or newer Apple IOS 8 or newer Android 4.1 or newer³ Chrome OS
	Note 2: Windows 8.1 is available as a free update to Windows 8. Note 3: Android-based tablets are available in many different hardware variations. Not all of the devices on the market will be compatible with the School's wireless network.
Processor	Dual core processor or better. Minimum processor speed 1.5GHz ⁴ Note 4: A quad core device is recommended.
Memory	Minimum Ram: Laptops 2GB / Tablets 1GB
Wireless Compatibility	Our school has the capability to operate on the 2.4Ghz range but the department's Wi-Fi network installed in high schools operates on the 802.11n 5Ghz standard. Whilst a device with 2.4GHz will be able to connect, it is preferred that devices have the 802.11a/b/g/n (802.11n 2.4GHz and 5GHz) or Dual Band Wi-Fi module for ease of connection and 'future proofing'.
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of 6 hours or more.
Storage	Minimum 16GB storage on device. ⁵
	Note 5: Students are recommended to make use of a storage device such as Google Drive to back up their work and a USB drive.
Protective casing	Students are required to store their device in a suitable protective case when not in use. ⁶ Note 6: A scratch/impact/liquid-splash resistant case is recommended. A screen protector may also be advisable for touch screen devices
Additional Recommendations	 Maximum weight: 2kg USB 2.0 or USB 3.0 port Accidental loss and breakage Insurance

Software Requirements

In addition to the hardware requirements outlined above, the device must also have access to the following software.

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Software	One of the following:
Operating System	As outlined above
Web Browser Options	Microsoft Explorer 10 +, Apple Safari, Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome (preferred)
Pdf Document Viewing Software	Adobe Acrobat Reader or Equivalent Software
Google Apps	Either through the browser or via a dedicated application (Google Apps are a free download through the app store)
Microsoft 365	Either through the browser or via a dedicated application (Microsoft Office is provided as a free download for students)
Additional Recommendations	Up to date Antivirus for Windows devices (eg Microsoft Security Essentials)

Note Android devices will also need to install a file browser app.