

eLE@ARNING & BYODD

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Aquinas Catholic College has a tradition of learning with modern Information Communication Technology Learning.

In line with Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) systemic implementation, students in Years 7 - 12 in 2018 are requested to bring their own computing device to school everyday. This expands the Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) program that began with Year 7 in 2014 and which has been enthusiastically adopted. The BYODD program was implemented to replace the Digital Education Revolution(DER) which ended in 2013.



Aquinas Catholic College recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world

The following table highlights the College BYODD device requirements for Aquinas Catholic College students in 2018:

**YEAR
7 - 12**

Students are requested to supply their own device that meets the required specifications.

Students doing electives such as Multimedia may need to consider Apple branded devices due to design capabilities.

Please wait for confirmation of subject selection.



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DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS



The device must support both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz wireless networks.
The device must at least support the 802.11a/b/g/n wireless protocol.
It is recommended that the device should support the 802.11ac wireless protocol.



The device should have a battery that lasts for over 6 hours.



4GB - 8GB

4Gb RAM for most subjects and 8Gb RAM for some electives.



Notebooks should have a minimum screen size of 14 inch or Apple MacBook 13 inch. Mini screen sizes do not meet the requirements for some online examinations.



or



Operating System - device shall be running the current version of:
Microsoft Windows or Apple Mac OS X

***PLEASE NOTE - Android is not supported**

It is possible for some families that you already own or use a device which meets the Device Specification, in which case just bring that. Parents should carefully consider all your purchase options. Please consider that a good quality device could last four years.

Please note:

- ◆ SCS (and therefore Aquinas Catholic College) does not represent or endorse purchase financing. Any financing availed of are the responsibility of the parent or carer. In this regard and as a matter of policy, the SCS (and the College) is not responsible for any decision made in the financing of the purchase, and we encourage parents to seek independent advice if necessary.



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Software that is installed must have appropriate licenses.

Active antivirus software is highly recommended on Laptops.

Some elective subjects may also require specific software.

Class teachers will discuss this with students at the beginning of the year. Adobe Creative Cloud licenses will be organised by the school for students who need to use Adobe programs including Photoshop, Illustrator and Premiere Pro.

The cost of the Adobe CC licence will be included in the student's school fees.



It is highly recommended that the device should include warranty for the useful life of the laptop (3 - 4 years) and an insurance policy to cover accidental damages. AppleCare Protection Plans are suggested for Apple branded products.



As the device remains the personal property of the student (or student's family) the College strongly recommends that some form of insurance is considered in order to protect your investment. Including the device under your family's existing insurance policies may be an effective option. Each family should check the term of their policy with their individual insurer to ensure adequate coverage of the device while it is in use at the College. Parents need to carefully consider the consequences of accidental damage or loss if they choose not to insure their device. The most common repair issue that parents are presented with is screen damage. The College cannot be held responsible for damages to personally owned devices. We thank you for your understanding in relation to these sensitive issues regarding damages.



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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Accessories:

- ◆ Case - preferably hard. This must be a carry case, not just a shell for the device.
- ◆ Headphones
- ◆ Backup drive (external hard drive, to be left at home)

If any family has a financial concern in providing the device for their child/children please contact Mrs Mary Dobson the College Business Manager at the College on [9543 0188](tel:95430188).

If you have queries regarding ICT devices, BYODD or eLe@rning, please do not hesitate to contact the College's Information and Innovation Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

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Information and Innovation Coordinator

James Corcoran
Principal



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RETAILER CONFIRMATION

Shop where device was purchased:

Branch:

Device purchased:

Name of retail assistant (please print):

Retail assistant please read and sign: I have read the attached requirements and can verify that the device purchased fulfils these requirements and supports a 5GHz wireless network.

Signature of retailer: _____ Date: _____

Parents, please retain this slip with your receipt. Do not return to the school.

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