



eLe@rning & BYODD @ AQUINAS CATHOLIC COLLEGE



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




In line with Catholic Education Office (CEO) Systemic implementation, students in Years 7-12 in 2017 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 where technology plays an important role in the students everyday lives.

The following table highlights the College BYODD device requirements for Year groups in 2017.

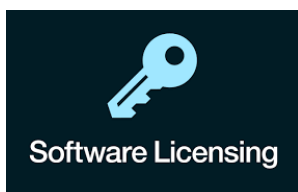
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| Year 7 2017 | Students are requested to supply their own laptop device that meets the required specifications. The current iPad program will not continue in 2017 for Year 7. |
| Year 8 2017 | BYODD iPad program continues from Year 7 2016 into Year 8 2017. Students will be required to continue using an iPad device until the end of Year 8. |
| Year 9 - 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 eg MacBook Pro 13". Please wait for confirmation for subject selection. |

A range of devices in a range of price categories meet the Device specification

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

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|  | <p>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.</p> |
|  | <p>Operating System - device shall be running either the current version or the previous version of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows; • Apple Mac OS X; or <p style="text-align: right;"><u>PLEASE NOTE - Android is not supported.</u></p> |

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.



Software that is installed must have appropriate licenses. Active antivirus software is highly recommended on Laptops. Some elective subjects may require specific software. Class teachers will discuss this with students at the start of the year.



It is highly recommended that the device should include warranty for the useful life of the computer, (3-4 years for notebooks and 2 years for iPads) 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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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