



2021 Year 7 BYOD Requirements

Dear Parent/Caregivers

St Agnes Catholic High School runs a mandatory 1:1 (one device per student) Bring your own Learning Tool (BYOLT) program where incoming Year 7 students supply their own laptop for their learning journey at St Agnes.

Please read the attached document regarding device types we plan to use as part of our 2021 BYOLT model and if you have any questions concerning the purchase of an appropriate device for your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your options.

Device Options and Specifications:

Years 7-9	Years 10-12
<p>Macbook/Air/Pro</p> <p>128GB Minimum storage (256 GB Recommended)</p> <p>Windows Devices Lenovo Ideapad S145 or 130 HP Pavillion Notebook "14 inch" Acer Laptop (8 GB RAM and Min. 128 GB HDD)</p> <p>IPAD AIR 16GB Wifi - Please note that students can use an existing iPad they may have used in primary school. <u>However</u> we do not recommend purchasing a new one as laptops are the preferred option.</p> <p>(Ipad Minis and Samsung tablets are not allowed)</p>	<p>Macbook/Air/Pro</p> <p>128GB Minimum storage (512GB Recommended)</p> <p>HP, Lenovo, Acer (8 GB RAM and Min 256 GB HDD)</p> <p>(Ipad Minis and Samsung tablets are not allowed)</p>
<p>Earphones/Headphones It is also recommended that all students have their own personal earphones or headphones available every day to be used as a learning tool.</p>	

Other Considerations:

- A tough, sturdy cover/case for iPads in the event the device is dropped
- Light enough, especially laptops, for your child to carry each day
- Durability of the device
- Insurance in the event that the device is broken or lost
- Extra warranty to reduce future possible repair costs

All CEDP schools and users will have access to G Suite for Education incorporating all the applications needed for 21st century learners, including access to unlimited drive storage for Google Docs, Slides, Sheets.

Students can gain access to install Microsoft Office 365 at no cost, however any additional software required may need to be sourced by the student/family.

Where to purchase a device

- The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a purchase portal at the following URL <http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au>
- Families can visit their local Apple Store and let them know that they are from Parramatta Diocese Catholic School for preferred pricing and advice. Finance/lease options are available to purchase at an Apple Store or online.
- Other electrical retailers such as Bing Lee, JB Hi-Fi, Harvey Norman and Officeworks

Technical Support

- The school's ICT Team will assist students with technical difficulties they may experience
- Once the student commences the device will be enrolled into our management system which will provide the device access to WiFi services.
- If you have any questions regarding technology requirements, please contact stagnesict@parra.catholic.edu.au.