





St Joseph's School BYOD (years 3-8) 2016

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- **Weight and portability** are big considerations, as students will be carrying their device to and from school daily.
- **Long Battery life** is another major decision. Students are not able to charge devices at school and need a device with enough battery to last them the day.
- **Shop around:** Keep an eye on the sales and visit stores specialising in digital equipment. One thing is certain - you do not have to spend a fortune.
- **Insurance and warranty** - you need to check with your personal insurance if they cover devices and what the cover details are. Also check carefully to see what is covered under your warranty. Children and families are responsible for any damage that may happen to devices.
- **Student and family under agreements** - these must be signed if a child is bringing a device to school or using a school device.
- **Cover, mouse, keyboard** - A good cover or sleeve is important. Will they carry it to school or will it be in their school bag. If is in their school bag - then it will need to be food/water proof for those days the lunchbox leaks. We recommend using keyboard for ipads as it increases the size of the screen.

Devices	Chrome book	ipad or android
Specifications required for any devices		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 2g ram • Screen size at least 11 inch • HDMI • USB port • Battery life needs to be at least 6 hours of active use • Bag/Sleeve (named) • Wireless mouse (named) • Wireless keyboard if using ipad (named) • Device (named) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light & portable; 11-14' screen • Connects to internet in 8 seconds • Excellent with Google Apps; saves all work to Google Drive/cloud • Low cost • Good Battery life • USB port • Can download a range of apps but can't load and run standard software e.g Word, Excel • Designed to access web and to store material in cloud • No built in CD/DVD drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, light, easy to carry around • Range of low cost, or no cost apps • Good battery life • Easy access to web and email • Good for recording/capture video, audio • Limited word processing ability, No USB • Lacks traditional keyboard this can slow down the pace of work (can purchase keyboard) • Some functionality issues with Google Drive but this is steadily improving over time as updates come through • Some limitations with Flash- some online apps don't work well

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