



CHRIST OUR LIGHT



MACKILLOP
Catholic College
WARNERVALE

BYOD GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

At MacKillop Catholic College, we are committed to the application of technologies to enhance learning. The MacKillop Education Model supports future readiness, and in doing so, the College commits itself to delivering learning that is supported by diverse methodologies, including the integrated use of technology in the learning curriculum.

To support families and students, the College is introducing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program from 2025 onwards. It is expected that the College will transition from its current iPad usage to a laptop commencing in Year 5 to Year 12.

The BYOD Guidelines provide families with information on:

- Transition period,
- Student Responsibility for Device and device-care,
- Minimum Device Specifications; and
- Purchasing a device.

It is expected that parents/caregivers of students at MacKillop ensure their child is prepared for class each day with a charged device that meets the minimum specifications identified in this document. It is an expectation that this device is a learning tool and therefore should not be used for any activities that do not support the College's student code of conduct.

TRANSITION PERIOD

The following table Identifies the transition phases from iPad to hybrid (the use of both iPads and laptops) to laptops only from 2025 to 2027

	2025	2026	2027
Year 5	Laptop *compulsory all Year 5 students	Laptop	Laptop
Year 6	Hybrid	Laptop *compulsory purchase in 2025	Laptop
Year 7	Hybrid (all new students compulsory laptop)	Hybrid	Laptop
Year 8	Hybrid	Hybrid	Laptop
Year 9	Hybrid	Hybrid	Laptop
Year 10	Hybrid	Hybrid	Laptop
Year 11	Laptop	Laptop	Laptop
Year 12	Laptop	Laptop	Laptop

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVICE & DEVICE CARE

Each device is a privately owned product and, therefore, it is the student's responsibility to keep their device safe and secure. It is the responsibility of the family to purchase additional warranty, insurance, and accidental damage cover to protect their device.

Insurance

It is important that parents specifically request information regarding insurance at the time of purchase and follow the instructions given by the provider regarding cooling off periods and other matters related to insurance and accidental damage cover.

MacKillop highly recommends the purchase of accidental damage protection/Apple Care to ensure insurance against accidental damage. MacKillop does not take responsibility for any damage, loss or theft of student devices.

It is highly recommended that students transport their device in a suitable protective case to and from class and purchase the MacKillop backpack that has a built-in laptop sleeve.

Repair of Devices

MacKillop does not take responsibility for the repair of student devices. If students are awaiting the repair of their device, they are expected to continue their learning by using pen and paper and consulting with their respective teachers.

MINIMUM SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

BYOD 2026

Please make use of the following specifications and recommendations from CSBB Digital Enablement when purchasing a BYO device for your child, to ensure it can be used for 3-5 years of class work, as per industry standards. Only device types mentioned in this document will be supported. **Students in Years 5 - 8 are encouraged to purchase a Windows device.**



Windows Laptops

	Minimum CSBB can only guarantee a connection to the wireless network for 3 years	Recommended
Screen Size	13" - 14"	
Processor	Intel Core i5 - 10th Gen (Or equivalent AMD)	Intel Core Ultra 5 (Or equivalent AMD)
	Windows devices with ARM-based processors (e.g., Qualcomm Snapdragon) are not recommended as they may be incompatible with school required applications	
Memory	8 GB RAM	16 GB RAM
Storage	256 GB SSD	512 GB SSD
Wireless	WiFi 6 (802.11ax 2x2)	WiFi 6E (802.11ax 2x2, 6 GHz)
Operating System	Windows 11 Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 10 in October 2025. After this date, devices running Windows 10 will no longer receive security updates and will not be able to connect to the school's WiFi network. Only up-to-date versions of Windows (eg. Windows 11) can be supported. Beta versions are not supported.	
Other	Battery - 6 hr battery life TPM 2.0 (Required for Windows 11)	
		Biometric Technology used for facial recognition (Windows Hello) 5 year warranty with accidental damage protection
Warranty	3 year warranty	



Apple

	Minimum	Recommended
MacBook	MacOS - Sonoma or Higher Beta versions of MacOS are not supported	MacOS - Latest available version Beta versions of MacOS are not supported
	MacBook Air 13" (M1) 8GB RAM 256GB SSD 3 year warranty	MacBook Air 13" (M4) 16GB RAM 512GB SSD 5 year warranty (If eligible to extend)

Windows Laptops & MacBooks - Details



Screen Size

13" - 14"

Screens of this size offer an ideal balance between portability and usability. Students can comfortably view content and carry their laptops to and from school without added strain

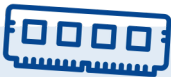


Processor

- Minimum:**
Intel Core i5 – 10th Gen
(Or equivalent AMD)
- Recommended:**
Intel Core Ultra 5 (Or
equivalent AMD)

Having an i5 processor strikes a balance between performance and affordability. The i5 processor offers sufficient power to handle various educational tasks, including web browsing, document editing, and multimedia consumption.

Compared to the 10th gen, newer processors offer significant performance improvements, better energy efficiency, and enhanced multitasking capabilities.



Memory

- Minimum:**
8 GB RAM
- Recommended:**
16 GB RAM

8 GB of RAM ensures smooth and efficient multitasking during the learning process. As students engage with various educational applications, web browsers, and productivity tools simultaneously, sufficient memory prevents the device from slowing down or experiencing performance issues.

16 GB of RAM offers significant advantages over 8 GB for students with higher computing demands. With 16 GB, students can handle more resource-intensive tasks simultaneously, such as running complex simulations, using design software, or working on large media projects.



Storage

- Minimum:**
256 GB SSD
- Recommended:**
512 GB SSD

Having at least a 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) of storage in a BYO device is often sufficient for most students' educational needs. It allows for storing class materials, assignments, and software applications without any storage constraints.

512 GB SSD of storage offers significant advantages for students with extensive digital needs. As educational materials become more media-rich and software applications grow in size, the extra storage capacity becomes increasingly valuable.



Wireless

- Minimum:**
WiFi 6 (802.11ax)
- Recommended:**
WiFi 6E (802.11ax)

WiFi 6 offers fast data transfer speeds, reduced latency, and improved network performance, enabling students to access online resources, collaborate in real-time, and stream educational content without interruptions.

Whilst WiFi 6 operates in the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands, WiFi 6E adds support for the 6 GHz band, providing more available channels and less interference for faster and more reliable connections.



Operating System

- Windows 11
- MacOS

Having an up-to-date Operating System (OS) ensures compatibility with the latest educational software, applications, and security updates. Newer OS versions often provide enhanced features, improved performance, and better user experience, which are essential for students to maximize their learning potential



Battery

- Minimum:**
6hr battery life

A long battery life ensures that students can use their devices throughout the school day without the need for frequent charging, eliminating disruptions and distractions. It is important for student devices to be fully charged at home overnight.

Warranty



Minimum:
3 year warranty

Having a 3 year warranty is essential as it provides long-term protection and support for students' BYO devices.

Recommended:
5 year warranty with
ADP

5 year warranty with accidental damage protection (ADP) offers comprehensive coverage against unforeseen accidents that may occur during a student's daily use. While a standard warranty may cover manufacturer defects, ADP goes a step further, ensuring protection against accidental spills, drops, and other mishaps that commonly occur in educational settings.

Other Considerations

Headset

Headsets provide clear audio quality, which is essential for multimedia resources and online learning. Headsets which include headphones and microphone, enhance the educational experience, providing a focused and immersive learning environment for students using their personal devices in the classroom or at home.

Digital Pen (For
compatible touch or
2in1 Windows laptop)

Using a digital pen enhances the student's ability to interact with digital content in a more natural and precise manner. A digital pen allows students to take handwritten notes, draw diagrams, and annotate documents just like they would on paper, promoting a more immersive and tactile learning experience.

PURCHASING A DEVICE

MacKillop Catholic College does not sell devices directly to families. However, the College has provided below some options for purchasing devices to assist you. The purchase of devices from specific suppliers is not compulsory therefore, families may shop around for offers or sales however, it is compulsory that the device meets the minimum requirements specified in this document.

Please note that tablets or iPads are not acceptable from 2027 onwards. It is expected that any new students must purchase a laptop as they commence their education at the College.

JBHiFi Education BYOD portal	Dell
WEBSITE: byod.jbhifi.education SCHOOL CODE: MacKillopCC25	WEBSITE: dell.com/en-au
Catholic Schools Broken Bay Purchasing Portal - compnow	
WEBSITE: https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/csbb	