

Senior School 2019

BYOD

Bring your own Device

Program



MacBook
Windows Laptop
Android Tablet
iPad Tablet



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From 2019, Senior School students (Years 7- 12) attending Melbourne Montessori School (MMS) will need to bring their own computing device to school. This initiative will replace the current provision for laptops for all Senior School students and allows them to choose their preferred device.

Parents and students should consider carefully which device best suits the student's learning needs and adhere to the minimum requirements of MMS.

Why BYOD Senior School (Cycles 4 & 5)?

Adopting the BYOD program allows our students to learn to make an informed decision on which device best suits their learning at MMS, their future tertiary studies and employment.

Why not in other Cycles?

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Which devices will be supported on our network?

The following devices are supported on our network.

- MacBook
- Windows Laptop
- Android Tablet
- iPad Tablet

Please Note: The choice of these devices is subject to satisfying the latest operating system requirements. Devices that do not support these minimum requirements will not be able to be connected to our network.

Can students use an iPad or an Android tablet only?

The device of choice for students in Cycle 4 might be an iPad or Android tablet, however, a tablet device may not be a replacement for a laptop. Students may still require a laptop to access and use some programs or complete aspects of their coursework.

All Cycle 5 / International Baccalaureate (IB) students will require a laptop to complete their coursework.

Will my student need to get a particular device based on the subjects they are studying?

Provided the minimum requirements specified by MMS are met, you will not need a particular device. You will need an up-to-date web browser to access the web-based student Intranet and Managebac. It is recommended that you discuss requirements with the Senior School Deputy Principal and/or the teacher before purchasing a device.

How will BYOD work in the classroom?

Senior School students will be responsible for ensuring that their device is in full working order and capable of meeting the technological requirements of the teacher.

Does BYOD mean students do not need to follow teacher directions and MMS rules and policies?

No, all students must comply with the requirements of our Responsible Online Behaviour and Responsible Use of Information Communication Technology Policies. Failure to do so will lead to consequences, such as the device being confiscated.

Please note: Peer to peer software is not allowed on our network.

Can I choose not to bring technology?

No, all Senior School students must come to school with a computing device.

Can my phone be my device?

No, although students can bring mobile phones to school provided they do not use them in class.

Are there minimum requirements?

Yes, there are minimum requirements that enable the device to connect to our network effectively. Key guidelines include:

Wireless Connectivity

All devices must support wireless connectivity.

Battery life

The device must be able to remain charged during school hours. It will not be acceptable for students to charge their devices in class. Battery life needs to be able to last the School day (6- 7 hours or longer).

Screen size

Minimum 12.9" screen.
Maximum 17" screen.

Weight

Consider the weight of the device carefully. It is recommended that the weight be under 1.5kg.

Keyboard

The student's ability to type at a reasonable speed should be considered.

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Recommended Operating System

All devices must be able to run the most current operating system version.

- iPads must be able to run iOS11
- Android devices must be able to run Android OS 8.0
- Windows laptops must have:
 - Windows 10
 - i5 processor or above
 - 8Gig RAM or above
 - 500G hard drive or above (preferred SSD Drive)
- MacBooks must be able to run OS 10.13 or greater

** Please note that changes to software are continually being made by manufacturers. As such, students may be required to upgrade their device's operating system in the future.

Linux and Ubuntu operating systems will not be supported on our network.

Anti-virus

All devices must have up-to-date anti-virus software. Students will not be permitted onto the network without it.

Windows 10 includes a built in Antivirus program.

What about warranty and insurance?

It is the parent's responsibility to consider insurance and warranty requirements for their child's device. MMS is not in a position to service hardware repairs. Be aware of the manufacturer's terms and conditions regarding warranty and insurance.

Do I need a carry case or cover?

All laptops and tablets must have a proper protective case or cover which will provide protection against accidental damage that would not be covered by a manufacturer's warranty claim.

The best insurance against damage is a protective cover.

What software will students need?

Students will have access to Microsoft 365 and the Adobe suite via their MMS login. If additional software is required to complete coursework, MMS will make provisions to ensure it can be easily accessed and installed by students.

What happens next?

More information about the BYOD program will be released during the course of the year. Further details about installing the correct software will be distributed in Term 4 2018 to enable students to connect their device from the start of the school year in 2019.

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