BYOD Minimum Specifications

The minimum hardware specifications are as follows:

Form Factor	Laptop or hybrid (2-in-1) device
Processor	Dual-core processor or greater
Memory	4GB RAM
Storage	128GB or greater
Wi-Fi	Wireless supporting 802.11n or greater
Battery	6-hour battery life or greater
Operating System	Windows 7 or greater

Please consider the below options when purchasing a new device.

Processor	Intel Core i3 / i5 / i7
Memory	8GB RAM
Storage	SSD (solid-state drive) technology. Drastically improves loading times and longevity of storage
Wi-Fi	802.11ac 5GHz
Operating System	Windows 10 We **do not** recommend Windows 10 S as it is not compatible with the School's Microsoft Office offering.
Accessories	Protective case
Other	Maximum weight: 2kg Onsite warranty Accidental damage protection / insurance

N.B. While your child is enrolled at All Souls St Gabriels School, they will be provided with the Microsoft Office Suite at no cost.

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BYOD – Bring Your Own Device
Frequently Asked Questions about Personal Devices:

1. **Do all students need to have their own personal device (Laptop)?**
   For Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in 2019, yes. The School will continue to provide excellent access to ICT in other classes and will encourage own device use.

2. **Do students need to buy a high-end PC device if they are doing subjects requiring specific hardware?**
   No. As the School will continue to provide high end, subject-specific hardware, no student will need to buy a high-end device capable of running AutoCAD, etc. Should a student decide they may require this software, they may be interested in purchasing a device with higher specifications.

3. **Will the device require a "client" to be installed for monitoring while the personal device is at school?**
   No. There is no intention to have this on student devices at this point. We reserve the right to do so in the future if we feel it improves device security and student safety.

4. **What happens if a computer requires maintenance?**
   The School strongly recommends parents keep a copy of the initial warranty information. The initial point of diagnostic contact will be to the IT Department. The IT Department will guide parents/students with further maintenance advice or recommend outside providers for support. More information will be provided on the student information sheet and orientation meeting during travel days.

5. **If an Acceptable Use Agreement is removed due to misbehaviour, will my son/daughter be disadvantaged?**
   No. While it is a privilege for a student to bring a device to school, if they do not follow the rules and regulations and, more specifically the Acceptable Use Agreement that they have signed (with you), then they will lose the privilege. Your child will then **ONLY** be allowed to use the school's IT equipment until the period of exclusion is finished.

   Any attempt to bypass the School's filtering software using either a personal or school-owned device will result in appropriate sanctions.

6. **How will a personal device be secured?**
   Personal devices should be locked away in student lockers when not in use. It is not possible to provide secure storage of devices while travelling to other venues.

7. **Why does the School recommend that devices be less than three years old?**
   To be able to optimise the school's Wi-Fi network, it is important to have a fairly recent device.

8. **Will students still be able to save work and resources onto the School Network?**
BYOD devices will only have access to the internet through the School's network. The Student Shared Drive is accessible only through the School's computers.

9. **How many personal devices can a student bring to school?**
No more than two personal devices per student will be allowed to join the BYOD network.

10. **What safety systems will be applied to personal devices?**
No antivirus program will give a 100% guarantee on the Internet. Windows 8 and above have inbuilt antivirus. All BYOD devices will go through the school's web filtering while it is on our network only. It is the student's responsibility to have an up to date Internet Security Suite installed on their device.

11. **What training/coaching will be made available to students and staff to ensure this program runs smoothly?**
There will be regular student sessions focusing on effective use of the technology in the classroom. Staff will undergo the usual professional development opportunities. More information will be provided on the student information sheet and orientation meeting during travel days.

12. **Aren't they just going to play games? Causing more distraction than they are worth?**
In a well-managed classroom, with the right tasks and challenges, personal access to a device will enhance engagement to improve learning, and hence performance, of our students.

13. **Are boarders subject to the same procedures?**
Yes.

14. **Are Facebook and other social media platforms accessible by students during the academic day?**
Social Media platforms are blocked when a device is using the school's BYOD network.

15. **What coaching will students receive in regards to social media?**
The school has a very successful Cyber-Safety course that runs through Life Skills classes and generally through the curriculum.

16. **Does my device require Microsoft Office?**
Yes. However, the school's Microsoft Agreement allows the school to provide the Microsoft Office Suite to students for as long as they are enrolled at the school, so the **Microsoft Office Suite is not required to be pre-installed on the device**. More information will be provided on the student information sheet and orientation meeting during travel days.

17. **How will I know if my child's device is ready for the classroom?**
All students/parents will be given an orientation time during travel days where your child's device will be checked for readiness for the classroom. This orientation will include checking of Internet connectivity and the installation of the Microsoft Office Suite.

18. **What if my child forgets their device or forgets to charge their device?**
We understand that we are working with children. Even the most academic and organised child can forget their device/charger from time to time. Power points have been fitted in classrooms and teachers will endeavor to work with the student to enable learning to continue. However, should this be a regular occurrence, obviously catch up time/detention may need to be used.

19. **Which computer is better?**
This is a question that we can't really answer, as each student has a different requirement and will use the computer in different ways, depending on their studies.

The School requires that the device meets our BYOD Device Minimum Specifications so that it can be used effectively in the classroom.