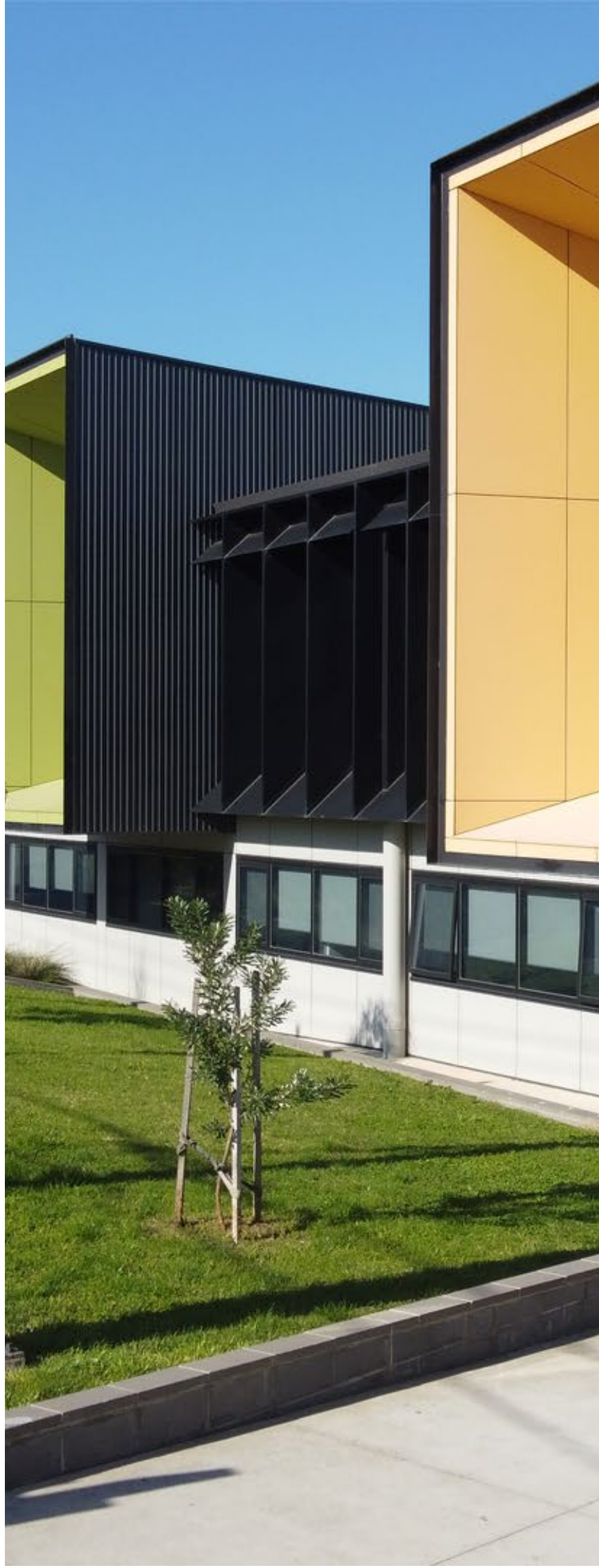




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BYOD Parent Guide

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BYOD Program – Parent Guide

Overview

Brighton Secondary College is dedicated to ensuring students develop the knowledge and skills to be successful members of the 21st century digital age. Individual access to personal notebooks will assist in providing the best contemporary education for all students at Brighton Secondary College. The BYOD initiative not only empowers students with direct involvement in using technology to enhance their education but also encourages responsibility and adaptability in managing their own devices. Our goal is to create an engaging, tech-enabled learning environment that prepares students for success in both their academic journey and future careers."

IT and eLearning

Brighton Secondary College uses a range of digital tools to create interactive, engaging learning environments that cater to different learning styles and help students develop essential digital skills. Through our BYOD program, students can seamlessly access these resources from their own devices, making learning both accessible and personalized.

Recommended Device Specification

To ensure compatibility with Brighton Secondary College's digital learning tools and network, students' devices must meet the following recommended specifications.

These guidelines help provide a smooth, reliable experience for all students, ensuring they can effectively participate in classroom learning activities.

HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS	
Form Factor	Laptop or convertible devices with a physical keyboard
Processor	Intel Core i5 AMD Ryzen 5 Apple M1 or greater
Memory	8GB or greater
Storage	256GB (SSD) or greater
Operating System	Windows 11 macOS Sonoma or later
Battery	Minimum 6 hours run time (recharging is not allowed at school)
Wireless	Must support Wi-Fi 5 compliance
Peripherals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headphone• Padded laptop case/bag (Ideally one that allows the device to fit inside the school bag.
ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS	
Keyboard	Standard US/UK QWERTY keyboard layout is preferred.
Warranty / Insurance	Warranty, accidental damage protection or accidental damage protection & theft

Device Compatibility

Brighton Secondary College cannot guarantee connectivity or full functionality for devices that do not meet the recommended specifications. Devices outside these recommendations may experience issues accessing the school's network, software, and resources.

Unsupported Devices:

- **iPads:** iPads are not permitted at Brighton Secondary College, except in cases of specific learning needs (e.g., vision or hearing difficulties). iPads may not be compatible with some software provided by the Department of Education and Training (DET).
- **Chromebooks and Windows S Mode:** Chromebooks and devices running Windows S Mode are also not supported. These operating systems have limitations that make them incompatible with Brighton Secondary College's network and software requirements.

How do I purchase a device?

When purchasing a device, parent(s) or guardian(s) can choose from the following options, which offer flexibility to meet different preferences and budgets. Brighton Secondary College has carefully selected these options to ensure that each device meets the recommended specifications for compatibility with our digital learning resources and network requirements. Please review each option to determine which best suits your family's needs.

Option 1: Purchase from your preferred supplier

Parent(s) or guardian(s) may choose to purchase a device for their child through their preferred supplier. To ensure the device connects seamlessly to the college's network and supports necessary software, we strongly recommend following the school's **Recommended Device Specifications**.

When purchasing through your preferred supplier, we also suggest considering this additional factor:

- **Extended Warranty and Insurance:** The college highly recommends purchasing an extended warranty and insurance for the device, ideally covering its full expected lifespan (typically around three years). Given the daily wear and tear devices experience at school, having coverage can prevent unexpected repair costs and help keep the device functional throughout the academic year.

Option 2: Purchase from eduNet

Parent(s) or guardian(s) can choose to purchase a new device through **EduNET**. EduNet devices come with warranty and accidental damage protection, ensuring peace of mind throughout the device's lifespan. The device will be delivered directly to your home.

Please note that **parents/guardians** are responsible for the initial device setup and installing any necessary software before the academic year begins.

Portal Access: <https://brightonsc.technologyportal.com.au/>

Important Notes:

- Any purchases, contracts, and agreements made through eduNet are between the parent/guardian and eduNet, **NOT** Brighton Secondary College.
- While Brighton Secondary College will provide guidance for accessing support through eduNet, we are not responsible for the services provided by eduNet, including warranty claims or insurance claims.
- If a warranty or insurance claim is required, parents must log a request via eduNet's service portal:

eduNet Service Portal: <https://www.edunet.com.au/service-centre>

eduNet Number: 1300 338 638

We encourage parents to review the terms and conditions on the eduNet portal to fully understand the services and coverage included.

Computer Setup

It's essential to set up the device—whether it's a Windows or Apple device—using a personal account rather than the student's Brighton Secondary College email account. This ensures a smoother transition if the student moves to another school or exits Brighton Secondary College, as their files and settings will remain accessible and unaffected by the deactivation of school accounts.

To assist you in setting up your child's device, we've created a step-by-step guide for initial setup of your child's device.

You can access it here: [Winows11_Guide_InitialSetup.pdf](#)

IT Helpdesk at Brighton Secondary College

Brighton Secondary College provides limited IT support for BYOD devices to ensure students can effectively participate in digital learning. The I.T. team offers assistance with connecting devices to the College's wireless network and troubleshooting access to curriculum-related software.

Support Services Provided:

- **Network Connection:** Assistance with connecting to the College's wireless network.
- **Curriculum Software Access:** Support for accessing and troubleshooting curriculum-specific applications.

Limitations of Support

The College does not provide support for:

- **Hardware Issues:** This includes warranty claims, accidental damage, device theft or loss.
- **Software Issues:** Operating system failures, malware, and other non-curriculum-related software issues.
- **Other Issues:** Any issues not covered under the provided support services are at the discretion of the College IT Support team.

It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure that students always have a fully functioning device available for school. This may include arranging external support or repairs as necessary.

Student Learning with BYOD

Free Software and Applications Listed below – provided by Department of Education or Brighton Secondary College at no charge.



Microsoft 365 is a comprehensive suite of productivity tools used at Brighton Secondary College for learning and collaboration. Microsoft 365 includes applications like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and a collaboration tool such as Microsoft Teams.



Compass is the College's school management platform, keeping everything students need in one place. It provides access to Timetable, Attendance Records, Newsfeeds, Learning Tasks, and Reports, helping students stay organized and up to date.



Oliver is the College's library system, giving students easy access to books, digital resources, and library services to support their studies and personal reading.



ClickView is the College's video catalogue, offering a wide range of video educational resources. Students can access videos to support their learning across different subjects.



Adobe® Creative Cloud™



Adobe Creative Cloud gives students access to industry-standard creative tools like Photoshop for photo editing, Illustrator for graphic design, and Premiere Pro for video editing. To request access, email it.helpdesk@brightonsc.vic.edu.au for your credentials.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if my child leaves their device at home?

The College expects all students to bring their laptops to school every day as part of their essential learning equipment. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a loan device if a student forgets their laptop.

Can my child charge their device at school?

The College expects all students to arrive at school with their laptops fully charged. Charging at school is not allowed, so it's important that students take responsibility for charging their devices at home each night to ensure they are ready for a full day of learning.

Do I need warranty or insurance?

We strongly recommend purchasing both warranty and insurance for your child's device. This helps protect against unexpected costs caused by accidental damage, hardware issues, or theft.

Why use a personal account when setting up the device?

- **Data Preservation:** Files and settings linked to a school account will be removed once the account is deactivated. Using a personal account helps prevent accidental data loss.
- **Ease of Transition:** A personal account ensures that the device remains usable beyond the student's time at Brighton Secondary College.

How should my child's device be protected from viruses?

Parents or students are responsible for installing and maintaining anti-virus software on the student's device.

How is the internet use managed and controlled on the device?

The college uses the filtered internet service provided by the Department of Education. At home, Internet access and restriction on student's devices are a parent/guardian responsibility.

My child's device has a Virtual Private Network (VPN) software installed on their device. Can they use this at school?

VPNs must not be used on school network under any circumstances. Students found using a VPN may have their Wi-Fi access revoked. Parents should be vigilant in monitoring this at home and should investigate why their child has a VPN installed.

What happens if my child's laptop needs to be serviced?

Warranty and insurance claims and other repairs are to be managed by parent(s)/guardian(s) through the supplier's service portal. The school has a small number of loan devices for students to use if their device is awaiting warranty or insurance repairs.