



Student Personal Computing Devices

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What type of machine can I use?

Any device that is capable of running Windows 8.1 or Windows 10 as the base operating system or Apple OSX 10.9 or higher and is no smaller than 10.1 inch (screen) and no larger than 15.6 inch, will be suitable. Hybrid or 2-in-1 touch screen devices are permitted, however the device have a keyboard, **tablet only devices are not suitable**. The device must have sufficient battery life for the school day.

What Operating System do I need and how do I get it?

All BYOD machines must be running Windows 8.1/Windows 10 or Apple OSX 10.9 or higher as the base operating system.

What will the school support?

South Gippsland Secondary College will be responsible for connecting your device to the network, Internet, school printers and storage areas.

This can only be done if your machine is fully functioning and has Windows 8.1/Windows 10 as the base operating system or OSX 10.9 or higher.

Who do I see about warranty, insurance and software problems?

Warranty – you should contact the retail outlet you purchased the machine from.

Insurance – it is recommended that you contact your house / contents insurer to add it on.

Software – Any software including the operating system is the responsibility of the owner and should be referred to a computer specialist outside of the school.

Can I use a Mac?

Yes, as long as the MAC is running OS X 10.9 or higher

Can I charge my notebook at school?

No, there are no facilities to charge your device at school. This should be done prior to coming to school.

What software do I need to purchase?

You are required to have Microsoft Office 2010 or higher. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development provides licencing that allows students to install it on their devices running Windows, used in our BYOD program for the duration of their school attendance. After this it will cease to work. Students may also be required to purchase some subject specific software dependent upon subject selection. Parents will be notified where this is the case.

Do I need an Anti-virus and Anti-malware program?

Yes, Windows comes with Windows Defender which is an anti-virus and anti-malware program. You may choose to install a free or purchased anti-virus or anti-malware program, however these may interfere with the SGSC connection. These program must be kept up to date and regular scans of the device should be carried out.

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Will connecting my device to the South Gippsland Secondary College impact upon my home network connection?

The connection process to the SGSC network will not impact your home network connection.

Who is responsible for backing up my data and where do I backup to?

It is the students / families responsibility to keep current backups of your device. This should be done at home. It is recommended that students set up automatic syncing with Google Drive to create an offsite backup

How many devices can I have connected to the school?

Only one device per student can be connected to the School. This device cannot be a smart phone or a tablet. Should you need to replace this device the new one can be connected however the old one will no longer function in the school. It is recommended that the old device is taken to the Communications Office to have the SGSC files removed.

Will students be able to access the Intranet and Internet using their device and will they be able to print at school?

Students will be able to access the College intranet and internet via wireless on their device at school. The internet connection is filtered (at school only), logged and limited and it is for educational purposes only. Updates should be undertaken at home. Printing will be available from student devices in the same fashion as all other computers in the College. The same charges will apply as for printing from a College owned computer.

How does the school support students to use their devices appropriately while at school?

Technology use is covered by the College's Digital Citizenship Policy, and it is expected that as good digital citizens the students will use the device appropriately not only while in class, but at other times as well. The College sees the importance of working with families to ensure students have appropriate skills and strategies for participating responsibly in the global digital world. The Responsible Usage of the College Network Agreement provides clear guidelines regarding appropriate computer usage within the school.

What are the limitations on personal use?

The device is owned by the child's family, and they are thus able to use the device for any personal uses within the constraints of the College's Digital Citizenship and Responsible Usage policies. These uses should not interfere with the use of the device at school. This would include ensuring adequate storage space was maintained, that no inappropriate material or software is put on the device, and the device is fully charged for daily use.

How do I get my device connected to the college network?

The arrangements for the connection of any new BYOD devices will be distributed to students early Term 1. Your device must be set to English Language for this connection and support to take place.

If my device is already connected to the college network from the previous year do I need to reconnect?

No, your device will remain connected to the network unless you change or reimage your device or leave the school.

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