



Edwardstown PS Year 5/6

BYOD and School Laptop Program



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- Introduction

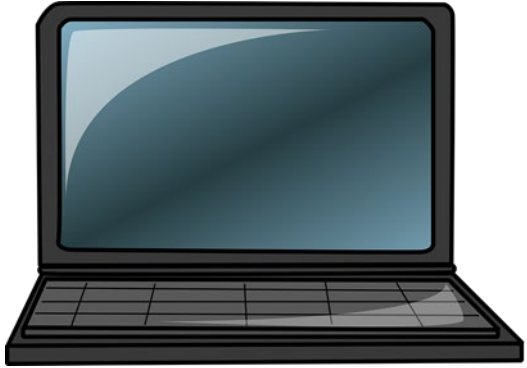
The BYOD (bring your own device) and school laptop program is aimed at providing our students with 1:1 devices in Years 5 and 6. At the same time, we hope to develop students' online competence, critical thinking skills, independence and sense of responsibility in their senior primary school years.

Families have the option to borrow, hire or BYO laptop so that families can choose the option that best fits with their needs and preferences.





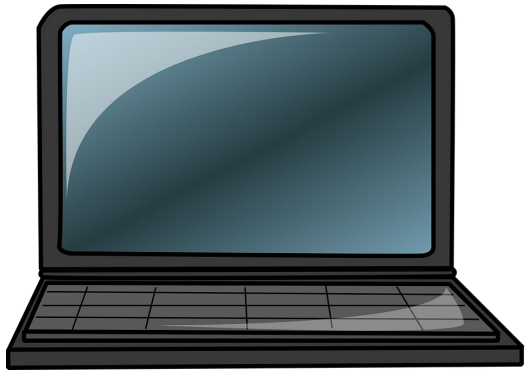
What are our options?



1. Borrow
2. Hire
3. BYOD (Bring your own device)



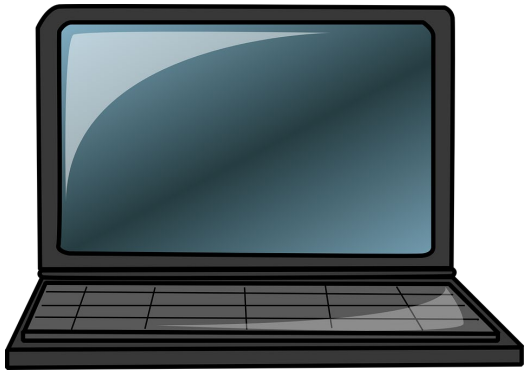
1. Borrow



Students can borrow a school laptop for the year. These laptops are stored in the ICT office and charged each night. Students collect them before their first lesson, use them in class throughout the day and return them by 3:10pm. This option is free and available to all students



2. Hire

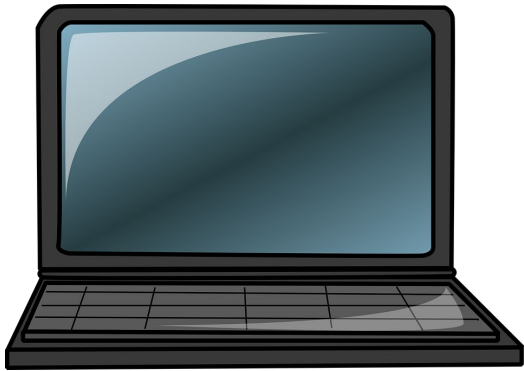


Students can hire a school laptop for the year. These are the same as borrow laptops, but students can take them home to complete homework. There is a hire fee of \$240 per year or \$60 per term. Students / families are responsible for the care of their laptops throughout the year.

(School card families can be exempt from this fee, speak to our finance team)



3. BYOD – Bring your own device



Students can bring / purchase a laptop to bring in and use at school. It needs to be a Windows laptop and meet set minimum requirements. BYOD laptops will be connected to the school network and management software at the start of the year and operate at school, like a school device.



What kind of device can we bring?

Windows laptop

There are plenty of options. Read reviews and check technical specs carefully. (There are a huge variety of brands available: DELL, HP, Lenovo, Asus, Acer, etc)

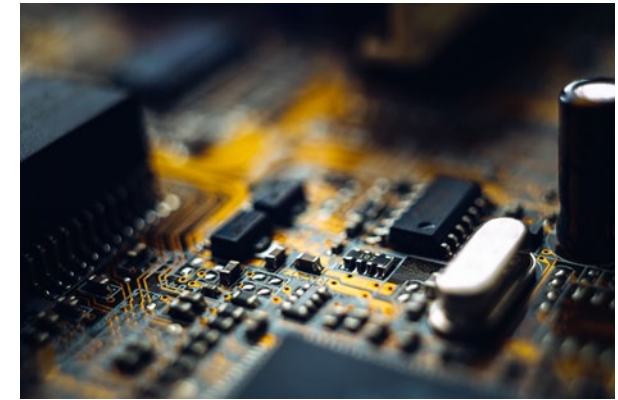


Please do not bring

Personal tablets, iPads, Apple computers or Chromebooks



BYOD - Minimum Specifications



Metric	Accepted	Recommended
Operating System	Windows 10 (not in S mode)	Windows 11 (not in S mode)
Processor	Intel i5 AMD Ryzen 5	Intel i5, i7, i9 AMD Ryzen 5, 7, 9
Memory	4GB	8GB or higher
Storage	256GB SSD	512GB SSD
Battery Life	7+ hours	8+ hours



Anything else we need to bring?

Headphones

Personal headphones are highly recommended for all students.



Laptop bag

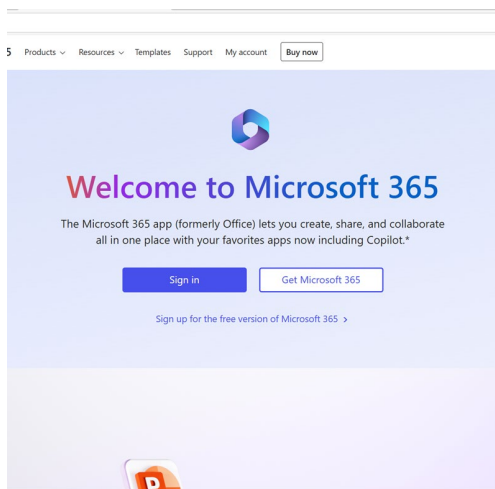
Any BYOD or Hire laptops should be transported safely to and from school



Families facing financial hardship can contact the school to borrow a limited number of these items



Microsoft 365



Every school student in South Australia has access to install Microsoft 365 on 5 personal devices and the associated Office apps.

Students use their school email First.Last123@schools.sa.edu.au to login and download these applications to personal devices.

Passwords for these accounts are the students' standard school password used for logging into school devices also.

They can do this at: <https://www.office.com/>

Microsoft 365 provides access to a large array of Microsoft apps, including; Word, Excel, PowerPoint, an Outlook email account and more.

Using OneDrive students have 1 TB of secure online cloud storage for school work and the ability to work almost exclusively in the cloud.



Connecting to the EPS network and the BYOD and school laptop user agreement



We aim to set-up students with borrow / hire laptops and connect new BYOD laptops to the EPS network by the end of Week 2 in Term 1 each year. In Week 1 we ask families to keep devices at home while classes get to know each other and we (the ICT team) are setting up a huge amount of infrastructure, devices and online platforms across the school.

In Week 1 students will receive a BYOD and School Laptop Program Use Agreement for 2025. This will outline the responsibilities and expected behaviour when using school laptops or BYOD devices at EPS.

No students can bring / use laptops before reading, signing and returning a user agreement.

Hire laptops also require a separate Hire Agreement to be completed outlining the financial contract families are entering with the school.



Setting up a new device

Starting off....

BYOD Option
Only



When setting up a new device you will first need to choose a language and connect to your WIFI network. Not long into the process you will require a **Microsoft account**. This can be an existing Microsoft account but we recommend you create a new one with / for your child.

We highly recommend that parents sit with their child when first setting up their device. Please keep safe the details (email and password) of the Microsoft account that is used to set-up the laptop.

This account will need to be able to be accessed with login details at school in the first two weeks to register the device to our network. It will also be needed to download or add any new apps. Due to this, we strongly recommend that parents do not use their personal Microsoft account that is linked to your other accounts and emails. Doing so, would require you to share these login details with your child or the ICT team at Edwardstown PS.

See this page for help: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/learning-center/how-to-set-up-customize-new-computer>



Microsoft Family Safety



This is a built-in feature to Windows devices allowing families to set-up different profiles, so that parents can monitor and manage; screen time, app usage, location sharing, search history, website views and more.

Parents who already have a Microsoft account can add a new device to their family group. We recommend parents set up their child's laptop from the beginning with them and then add a child account for students to access. Parents can then use Microsoft Family Safety to supervise their child's device.

See this page for help: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-au/account-billing/getting-started-with-microsoft-family-safety-b6280c9d-38d7-82ff-0e4f-a6cb7e659344>



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<https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/microsoft-365/family-safety>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyE5rtmV8wl>

An intro video from a parent's point of view on Microsoft Family Safety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7I92JfbNeLs>



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Which windows version? 10 10s 11 11s



Make sure you know what version of Windows you are running with. It should be clear during the purchase process if it come with Windows 10, 10s, 11 or 11s. Any of these are fine, but if it finished with an 's' it will most likely begin in **S Mode**

S Mode was designed to be simpler and safer, however it does prevent the laptop from connecting to the school network and running several required applications.

If your child's laptop is in **S mode**, please switch out of **S mode** before bringing it to school. Otherwise connecting it will be a delayed process.

See this page for help: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/switching-out-of-s-mode-in-windows-4f56d9be-99ec-6983-119f-031bfb28a307>



Thank you

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