BYOD Checklist (Bring Your Own Device)

Device Type

Laptop, Tablet or convertible device
The tablet device must have a physical keyboard attachment.

A mobile phone is not an acceptable device

Lowest Level Access

Android, iPad tablets and Chromebooks may connect to the internet, but are not compatible with all of the software required for learning

Operating System

- Microsoft Windows 10 or 11
- Apple Mac OSX, 10.12 or newer

Wireless Connectivity

Device must have 5GHz 802.11n, this is **dual band wireless** and should be marked as 802.11ac (We also support a/b/g/n – not as reliable and can be slow) **If the device is ONLY 2.4GHz, it will not work on our network.**

Basic Storage and RAM

Minimum 256 GB storage hard drive space (preferably ssd) and Minimum 8GB RAM

Advanced Users

Students who study Software Design, Multimedia, IT, D&T, Music, Visual Art, Drama (film), Ext English (film) need the following: Minimum 512 GB storage and Minimum 8GB RAM

Security Software

Purchase and installation of Antivirus Software is not required as both Windows and MacOS comes with one inbuilt. Third party security software may cause internet access issues over the school network.

Other Considerations

Durability: Consider the overall durability. Are the keys and inputs sturdy? A case is highly recommended. Consider accidental loss and breakage insurance and back to base support.

Application Software

Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Cloud software used regularly. It is available free for both Mac and Windows devices. Once students have a valid DOE email it can be downloaded via DET Portal.

Battery Life

Advertised to last 6 hours

Hardware Features

Camera and Microphone
These are necessary to participate in many learning activities.
Portable Hard Drive: needed for extra backup of HSC major works, particularly if using film. As mouse is useful when working with graphics

Physical Characteristics

Minimum Screen size 10.6" (27cm)
Maximum weight: Under 2 kg