



## Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Computer Program F.A.Q

### What sort of device is suitable for my child?

The school has identified a choice of suitable Windows Devices that cater for a range of budgets. These are available for purchase through our partnership with LWT. To view the devices, navigate to: [clarehs.orderportal.com.au](http://clarehs.orderportal.com.au)

New devices must use the Windows Operating System. Students are no longer able to bring devices that use the Apple Operating System (i.e. Macbook, Chromebook etc.)

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Smart phones are not an appropriate device in lieu of a laptop. Their size and storage limitations make them impractical for use in the classroom. Additionally, the school's Mobile Phone Policy states that all phones must be kept in bags or lockers.

### What about the physical safety of the devices at school?

Each student is responsible for their own property while at school. It is important that students have protective cases to protect them in transit around the school. Secure lockers are available for each student to store their device.

Parents are advised to make their own arrangements regarding insurance and cover for accidental damage. CHS will not take responsibility for accidental damage to student property, nor do our insurance policies cover it.

### Will the students' use of internet be monitored at school?

The Department for Education mandates that all web browsing on a school site must be monitored through a departmental approved filtering system. The entire browsing history of our students is logged and can be tracked.

### Will students be able to recharge their device during the day?

We discourage students from planning to charge their device at school; power cords/chargers can be a WHS hazard. Any charger in use at school must first be tested and tagged by the IT Department. Students are encouraged to manage the charging of their device overnight.

### What policies and structures guide students' use of ICT?

CHS has an Electronic Device Acceptable Use Agreement that guides students' use of ICT within the school environment. This agreement helps us to ensure that the benefits of electronic devices can continue to be enjoyed and utilised by our students without interfering or hindering their personal wellbeing, or the education process.

### What if my child does not bring their own technology? Will they be disadvantaged?

In classes where specialised software is required (Design & Technology, Media Arts etc...), the school will continue to provide computers for student usage. Additionally, there is a small number of devices available for hire from the school for families who meet some hardship criteria.

### What are the software requirements for the students?

There is no need to make additional software purchases for school. All students are provided with free access to Office 365, which is accessible both at school and at home. New Windows 10 devices also come with Microsoft Defender Antivirus. As a school, we prefer the Chrome or Edge web browsers. Other programs may be occasionally requested by teachers and support will be provided for the installation of these.

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