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BYOD at Ryan (Years 7-12)

In order to allow our students to engage fully with the ICT requirements of the Australian Curriculum and the QCAA senior syllabus, Ryan Catholic College operates a BYOD program for students in Years 7 to 12. This program allows families to choose the most suitable devices for their contexts while ensuring that students are able to participate in the full array of learning activities delivered at the College.

To ensure that your child's device will be suitable for classroom purposes, please refer to the following requirements and recommendations before making a decision about purchasing.

It is a requirement that the device is able to connect to our wireless network to access and create content using the Google Suite. The Google Suite is a set of web-based applications and operates using cloud storage. It provides a range of opportunities for collaborative and independent investigation, communication and creation of content. Our use of the Google Suite eliminates the need for independently sourced packages such as Microsoft Office.

While tablet devices are suitable for viewing, they are inefficient when used for content creation. Consequently, tablet devices such as iPads are not suitable. It is our recommendation that students use one of the following types of devices:

- Windows Laptop (preferred option for all year levels – as per specifications below).
- Chromebook (meets minimum requirements for Years 7 and 8 only).
- Macbook (is workable, but not recommended. Windows operating system is preferred).





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Recommended BYOD Device Specifications:

Processor	MINIMUM Intel Core i5 or higher Intel Ultra 5 or higher AMD Ryzen 5 or higher AMD Ryzen AI5 or higher Snapdragon X or higher
Memory	MINIMUM 8 GB RAM RECOMMENDED 16 GB RAM
Hard Drive	MINIMUM 256 GB or higher (a 128 GB hard drive is insufficient) RECOMMENDED 512 GB or higher
Battery	RECOMMENDED Longer battery (for the device to last a school day).
Warranty	RECOMMENDED 3 year extended warranty with local onsite warranty (local service agents reduces downtime as your device would not have to be sent to a capital city for repair).





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Antivirus Software: 3rd party antivirus software is *not* recommended. The in-built Windows Defender software is sufficient and other antivirus software (e.g. Norton 360, McAfee etc) is problematic in a school context.

Ryan Catholic College is also a Google Education School. Having Google Chrome installed on your BYOD Computer before school starts is highly advised.

DOs and DON'Ts of BYOD

DO:

- Ensure the laptop is set up and ready to use well before the first day of school. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to set up the device for the student.
- Ensure the student knows the log on process of the laptop including their PIN and/or password. Using a fingerprint to log on can be convenient but a backup method like a PIN or password is important for the student to know.
- Ensure the student spends time using the laptop prior to the first day of school so they are familiar with its use.
- Please install the Google Chrome browser for the student on the laptop before the first day of school. This is the main app that will be used at school as it cooperates best with the Google Apps platform used at the College. Students may need parental authentication to install Google Chrome, so this is best done at home.
- Please turn off any parental filters or controls including Microsoft Family settings.

DON'T:

- Please don't send your child to school on the first day with a laptop that they've never used or isn't set up for them. College staff are unable to set up a laptop for a student since parental authentication is required.
- Please don't have parental filters and/or controls activated during the school





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day. They often prevent students from accessing essential, school-related sites, apps and services. All student Internet access is filtered while connected to the College network.

- Please don't install any antivirus or VPN software. The built-in Windows Defender software is adequate for keeping the device safe. Antivirus software can prevent students from using essential, school-related sites, apps and services.

We also recommend a protective case for the laptop to help protect it from accidental damage.

Please also consider insurance for the device.

Our College has partnered with Compnow to provide our families with access to their BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) portal program.



Purchasing through this portal is optional but will ensure your child has a device recommended by the school.

Parents and carers can also access:

- Bundled accessories
- On site warranty
- Accidental damage protection options
- Flexible payment options
- Live chat support

Compnow portal: <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/Ryan-catholic>

