Procuring & setting up your device

Students first day at St Mary's Catholic College

Students are expected to have completed their initial device setup before the first timetabled day. This is to ensure that students can receive and use school-based login information.

Procuring a device

We are a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school, but being a family means looking out for each other, so we have worked hard to build industry partnerships so that we can ensure our community is receiving the best possible service and product. Because of this, we do *recommend* that you purchase through one of our two portals.

However, we understand that that not all members of our community are able to make this investment at this stage therefore we also support you looking elsewhere at your convenience.
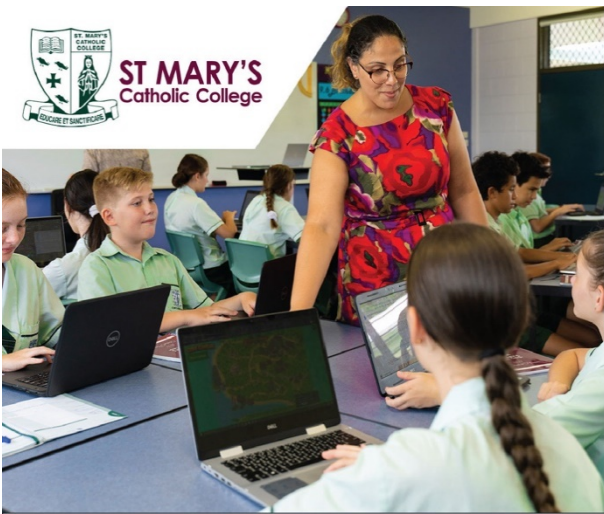
St. Mary's & DELL - BYOD Portal

There is an estimated 3-4 week potential wait time for delivery of devices made through the DELL BYOD Portal. Make sure order in time to ensure arrival of the device for the beginning of the school year.

Looking elsewhere?

We know that JB Hi-Fi and Harvey Norman sell very appealing 'Back to School' packages. While we want you to find something that works for you and is in your price range, we do have some minimum specification to ensure the device covers curriculum requirements and NAPLAN online.

Should you wish to pursue this avenue, we'd like to support you in your negotiations with individual businesses. Below details outline the minimum specifications for our Student Computer Devices, as well as a brief infographic that can assist you in engaging with the finer details of device specifications.

[Click here to download](#)

Device Setup

What software?

There are three Microsoft operating systems, *Home*, **Pro** and *S*, if available get **Pro** (through our BYOD portals this is the standard). Do not acquire Microsoft *S, ie. Microsoft Home 10S* if this can be avoided. The *S* has significant limitations to software, allowing individuals to only use software downloaded from the *Microsoft Store* and this will hinder your child's access to the curriculum.

Generally, when purchasing from retailers the standard Operating System is Microsoft **Home** for PC devices.

Parental Controls

We ask that you please avoid setting administration locks on your child's device because it could hinder their access to programs and applications that are available to them through the school.

Internet Browser?

St Mary's is a Google centric school; using Chrome as your default browser will help students with their studies. Installing Google Chrome will assist your child in seamlessly accessing the College curriculum, **click here** to download and install Chrome on PC or MAC.

> For directions on how to make Chrome your default browser **click here.**

Account and Login

Microsoft *Home* will require you to have or create a Microsoft email address to log into the device on **setup. Pro** however does not.

Students will be taken through organisation of their Google for Education services and how to access other programs at the beginning of the School Year. The student email address 'username@cnsstu.catholic.edu.au' will be the address used to access or register all services while you attend St. Mary's. Students receive this address once enrolled in Catholic Education and are provided with it on the first day of school. Google Drive (cloud storage) is the primary 'file organising' location for students.