



ST MARY'S
Catholic College

2022

**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 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](#)

Potential wait times for delivery of devices made through the DELL BYOD Portal has resulted in advising our community to order prior to August 31st, 2021. This is to ensure arrival of the device for the beginning of the 2022 School Year.

*'Parts availability continues to push out end user device delivery dates across a large and growing number of device manufacturers. According to parts supply analysts, device order deliveries will be particularly challenging during second half of 2021. Example, orders that may have taken weeks may now take months and depending on the individual device model and configuration even four to six months for delivery is not out of the question. While these are the current market conditions device manufactures are doing all they can to reduce delivery timeframes, eta expectations will be unpredictable. On balance, if you are in a position to do so ordering **prior to August 31st 2021** would be advisable.'* - DELL

[St. Mary's & CompNOW - BYOD Portal - for Apple Mac products](#)

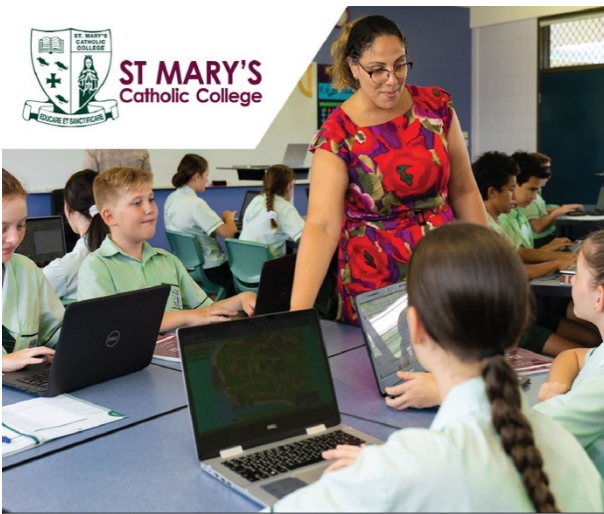
CompNow has current stock, so you could consider deferring your purchase of the device to later in the year for Apple products, however this advice is given with caution as stocks may not last.


'Apple's current position in terms of stock availability is good, and with forward planning we should be able to avoid the massive supply delays that many other technology vendors are experiencing. Our St Mary's portal has been updated with our new low pricing for the MacBook Air and MacBook Pro models with AppleCare +. We now can warehouse stock in our expanded Cairns office, and in Banyo (Brisbane)' - CompNow

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.



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Student Computer Devices

Option 1
13.3" laptop/ i5 / **16gb**/256 SSD

Option 2
13.3" laptop/ i5 / **8gb**/256 SSD

- Based off average device lifespan a **3 year warranty** is recommended
- Student feedback suggests **touch screen** is preferred option
- PC or Mac is a personal choice


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Specifications




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i5 or i7
How fast can it run?

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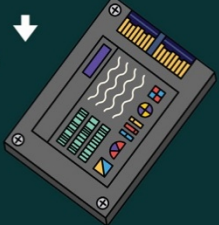
8GB/16GB Memory NOT Storage.
How many programs can it run at the same time?

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256GB STORAGE. How much can it hold?

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SSD
Solid State Drive - not a hard drive

[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.