

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2026



Dear Families,

The information that follows is critical to the success of our BYOD program. You are asked to read it carefully and then consider your options for 2026.

Gleeson College has been a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school since 2015. Bringing your own device has allowed students to: start work more quickly, save work and continue working at home without difficulty, use a faster device, carry a lightweight device and personally configure their device as required.

The options provided for our BYOD program in 2026 are outlined below:

Option 1: The student brings their own device to school each day. The device meets the minimum requirements for successfully accessing the curriculum as outlined in the minimum specifications (provided overleaf).

***Option 2:** The student rents a device from the College and returns it at the end of the 2026 academic year.

- A bond of \$150, which is refundable on return of the laptop in a satisfactory condition at year end, applies.
- The rental cost is currently \$250.00 per year.
- The rental cost and bond are payable prior to distribution of the device to the student at the commencement of the 2026 school year.
- If the device is returned requiring repair, the College will arrange repair of the device and on-charge the family as charged to the College by the repair provider.
- To apply for a Rental Laptop please fill in the online form on our website <https://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/byod-rental-laptop.html>

*A limited number of rental laptops are available each year, and are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment and return of the loan form is required to secure your device.

Queries: byod.feedback@gleeson.catholic.edu.au or phone 8282 6600

TO ACTION:

1. All families must sign + return the Code of Conduct Agreement form (**gold/buff**), **in the reply-paid envelope provided.**
2. *Optional:* apply for a Rental Laptop using the online form on our website <https://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/byod-rental-laptop.html>

Kind regards,

Mr Joe Corbo
Principal

Gleeson College IT Department



BYOD Recommendations for 2026

Students are required to bring a device to school at all year levels at Gleeson College. The integration of digital technology continues to have a transformative effect on learning in the classroom and outside. Ensuring your son or daughter has an adequate device is very important and requires consideration of many factors: price, battery life, processing speed (processor plus RAM), and software requirements. Below is a list of recommendations and ideas for the type of device students should be aiming to bring along to school.

Laptop computers (also called Notebook or MacBook) are preferred as they support all software that may be required at all levels, in a form that promotes ease of use and portability.

Minimum Recommended Specifications PC / Mac Book

Below is a list of specifications that should be considered when deciding what device to purchase. You can take these specifications to your local computer hardware store and they should be able to recommend a good device for you.

Processor: 11th Generation Intel i5, AMD Ryzen 5 (Equivalent or better)

RAM: Minimum 8GB

Screen: 13" to 15", the best compromise between portability and usability, the Larger screens found on high end gaming computers often cause high battery drain and excess weight

Battery: Recommended Minimum of 7 hours

Antivirus: Recommended (Windows 8 onwards has preinstalled antivirus)

Operating System: Windows 11 / macOS BigSur (or better)

Hard Drive: 240GB or larger (we would recommend any SSD (solid state drive) of this size or greater before a larger HDD (hard disk drive-older and slower technology)

Inbuilt Wireless connection capable of 802.11ac (802.11a, b, g and n are slower)

Students studying Digital Design in Year 9 may need a laptop with [higher specifications](#).

Chromebooks – Gleeson College does not recommend or support Chromebooks.

Android – Gleeson College does not recommend or support Android devices including Tablets and Phones.

NOTE: Laptops that have Snapdragon (ARM) Processors may be supported, but there are application limitations. For example, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe After Effects, Adobe Premiere Pro and AUTODESK Fusion 360 are currently not able to run on ARM Processors. If you intend on purchasing a Laptop with an ARM Processor like Snapdragon, please research that all applications you require for School work are supported.

Questions? More information? Please don't hesitate to contact us via byod.feedback@gleeson.catholic.edu.au

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) & Use of Digital Technologies

CODE OF CONDUCT

Use of the Internet and digital technologies provides great educational benefits to students. Digital devices have the potential to encourage student critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and research skills and prepare students for a digital world beyond school. BYOD and school access to these technologies is facilitated with the expectation that students will act in a considerate, safe and responsible manner. Prior to students' access to technology being enabled to support their learning, students and parents/caregivers are required to read and agree to this 'Bring Your Own Device & Use of Digital Technologies Code of Conduct'.

College email and Digital Learning Environment (SEQTA) facilities are provided to support effective communication between students and teachers and to facilitate the transfer of instruction and student work. These web-based storage areas are provided by the College and are to be used responsibly to save and store resources and evidence of learning. Network administrators may review users' files and communications to maintain system integrity. Digital devices (student owned and College facilities) are to be used for learning purposes only and under supervision.

1. Acceptable Devices & Minimum Specifications

- This policy includes, but is not limited to, personal mobile devices such as laptops, iPads, Android and Windows tablets. Smartphones are not acceptable devices.
- Devices are not to be shared.
- Minimum specifications include: a. a keyboard, b. minimum operating system = Windows 11 or macOS BigSur or above, c. Please note that Android tablets and Apple iPads are presently limited in their connection possibilities to our WiFi.

2. Network and Internet Access

- Devices will not be physically networked. Content will only be accessed through the College WiFi and will be subject to monitoring and filtering. The College may block student access to the Internet.
- Printing of documents from student owned devices can be done using a storage device or wirelessly via the College printers.

3. Powering Devices

- Devices must be fully charged before they are brought to the College. The use of power cords is *only permitted if the device has been tagged and tested by a qualified service person*. The use of power cords must be supervised as they may create a Workplace Health and Safety risk and increase the possibility of damage should a trip incident occur.

4. Technical Support

- As students' mobile devices are not owned or managed by the College, the College will not offer any technical support relating to the device or its operation, other than assistance with the previously mentioned Wi-Fi connection and access to College Services.

5. Insurance and Liability

- Students are responsible for the care of their devices.
- Devices must be clearly labelled for identification.
- A padded bag or protective sleeve must be provided to reduce the risk of damage.
- Devices are to be secured in lockers when not in use i.e. recess and lunch (unless used for study purposes and under supervision) and lessons when they are not required.
- Devices are to be taken home at the end of the day.
- Parents are responsible for insuring their child's mobile device for loss or damage.
- The College accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of any personal device.

6. Content

- All content must remain appropriate, as deemed by the College, at all times.
- Parents/caregivers must ensure that all content stored on mobile devices used in the College is compliant with copyright law and regulations.
- Parents/caregivers must ensure that mobile devices used in school have virus-protection software installed that automatically downloads the latest anti-virus updates.

7. Responsible Use & Etiquette

Students are expected to:

- a) Only access the College's network via WiFi from their device.
- b) Use all equipment, resources and services responsibly and with care.
- c) Use their personal mobile devices during the school day *only* when granted permission to do so by the subject/study teacher in support of the learning program.
- d) Turn off laptops, tablets and other mobile computer devices during recess and lunch to preserve battery life. At these times, devices must be securely stored in lockers.
- e) Maintain respect for all individuals and therefore never use technology in ways that can offend, cause distress or intimidate others.
- f) Engage in safe, ethical and respectful on-line behaviour.
- g) Respect the privacy of others when using digital technologies and refrain from revealing or using the personal details of any person without their permission.
- h) Acknowledge all sources used in the production of work and therefore avoid infringement of copyright laws.
- i) Use the wireless network and technologies provided by the College only for educational purposes. If an inappropriate site is accessed unintentionally then it should be closed and the student should notify the teacher immediately. Under no circumstances is such material to be forwarded, downloaded or printed.
- j) Abide by the rule that recording, filming, photographing, storing and/or transmitting images of others to any social media site or other form of publication is a serious offence which breaches privacy laws and will be treated as such.
- k) Store their files on their own storage device and keep regular backups on a built in hard drive, or cloud-based storage facility. The College is not responsible for any damages an individual may incur through the loss of data resulting from corrupted files or USBs, delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries or service interruptions.
- l) Use email responsibly and with care, and not open attachments from unknown sources, as they may contain viruses. In particular, any file with an .exe extension should not be opened.
- m) Ensure that any images or material stored on mobile devices are appropriate to the College environment and are used safely and responsibly in support of teaching and learning programs.
- n) Abide by the rule that digital devices are to be used solely for educational purposes to support learning programs. Social networking sites must not be accessed during College hours or on College premises.
- o) Abide by the terms and conditions of the *Mobile Phone Policy* and the *Computer/Network Policy* to ensure safe and responsible personal use. The relevant policies are available to students via the Student Information Pack on SEQTA and are also published on the College website here:
<https://www.gleeson.sa.edu.au/college-expectations---policies.html>

Bring Your Own Device & Use of Digital Technologies CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Dear Families,

Please complete and return the Agreement below (one per student).

We have read the information regarding the BYOD Program 2026 at Gleeson College and the Code of Conduct for acceptable use of digital technologies and online behaviour.

AGREEMENT

I have read the Code of Conduct for acceptable use of digital technologies and on-line behaviour, understand the expectations, and agree to use ICT safely and responsibly in support of my learning. If I do not follow the Code of Conduct, I understand that I may lose network privileges, which may seriously impact on my ability to engage effectively in the teaching and learning program. I understand that breaches of the Code of Conduct will also result in other consequences, as appropriate, in accordance with the values and policies of the College.

Student Name: _____ Year Level Commencing in 2026: _____
(please print clearly)

Student Signature: _____

As the parent or legal guardian/caregiver of the student signing above, I grant permission for the above student to access computer services through the BYOD Program and via the College facilities. I understand the Code of Conduct and agree to support the College in providing guidance to the above student about appropriate use of the Internet and Internet Resources both on campus and outside of the College. I understand that any breach of the Code of Conduct will result in BYOD and network privileges being withdrawn. I understand that breaches of the Code of Conduct will also result in other consequences, as appropriate, in accordance with the values and policies of the College.

Parent/Caregiver name: _____ (please print clearly)

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____

The terms of this agreement are subject to ongoing review and as such, may change without prior notice.

The most up-to-date version of this document is located on the College website.

If you have any questions regarding use of the Internet or digital technologies at the College please do not hesitate to contact the College on 8282 6600 or via email byod.feedback@gleeson.catholic.edu.au to discuss your concerns.