

# BYOL Program

## *Parent Information*



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# Please read through the BYOL Program Info.

Available at:

<https://yarrawonga.vic.edu.au/bring-your-own-laptop-program/>

Bring Your Own Laptop

# 2025



### eLearning Mission

Yarrowonga College P-12 endeavours to provide an environment where students safely integrate new technologies into their learning to communicate, collaborate, create, connect and apply critical thinking.

### Year 7-8 Gilmore Street Campus & Year 9-12 Pinniger Street Campus

A BYO laptop computer is required for all students in Years 7 to 12. In order to provide affordable and flexible device access for students, Yarrowonga College allows different options for families to choose the one most suitable. Parents must ensure their child has a laptop for 2025.

If you are unable to provide a laptop for your child, please arrange a meeting with your relevant Year Level Coordinator to discuss options or other support.

Families will be responsible for warranty, insurance, and maintenance of the laptop. Unfortunately, College technicians are not available to perform maintenance on BYOL devices.

Please read the details about FREE SOFTWARE that is available for students to use on their devices, so you don't make any unnecessary purchases.

Please **DO NOT** purchase a **Google "Chromebook"**-type notebook. These don't adequately support software and testing platforms used.

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# Why a BYOL program?

- Many families have already begun to purchase devices for their children in Year 6 as a result of Remote & Flexible Learning.
- Students are growing up in a world with high level IT requirements. Part of the process to learn device and data management, personal online security and cybersafety.
- Laptops are used in many classes to access learning materials, submit tasks/assignments, collaborate and communicate with others and facilitate the creation of content - using devices for homework/extension tasks.

# Why a BYOL program?

- Allows for family choice and management of their own IT resources.
- Provides flexibility for students platform choice, as long as it integrates into College systems. (*Students need to be able to manage file formats and transfers*)
- Encourages students to complete work at home - many staff using Google G-Suite for Education and Google Classroom to manage student learning.
- Allows students to continue learning outside of school more easily, greater access to resources.

# How will my child use it?

- Accessing homework, finishing class learning tasks.
- General web-use, word processing and presentations.
- Exploring technologies such as 3D printing, game making and coding/robotics.
- Creating media as examples of learning, such as audio and video recordings, or websites.
- Creation of digital artworks. Adobe Creative Cloud taught down to Year 9 level in Art/Viscom, with plans to further integrate into Years 7 & 8.
- Contact with staff, when a student thinks they need help.

# Software for FREE

There shouldn't be any need to purchase software titles with your laptop.

The Department of Education supplies students with access to the Microsoft Office 365 suite and Adobe Creative Cloud.

These **MUST** be downloaded and installed here at school for authorisation through the eduSTAR website.

Need to have at-least 2 web browsers installed.

# 3 Device Sources - Your choice

1. Use the College online supplier.

<https://byod.jbhifi.education/>

School code - YARRA25

2. Use an external supplier of your choice. (Some local suppliers to choose from)

3. Source a *second-hand* or *hand-me-down* option.

# Minimum Device Specs

Please **DO NOT** purchase a **Google “Chromebook”**-type notebook. These don’t adequately support software and testing platforms used.

	Windows/PC	Apple/macOS
Operating System	Windows 10 (V1909 or higher)	MacOS 12 (Monterey or higher)
Wireless	802.11n/ac/ax (Wi-Fi 4, 5, 6)	802.11n/ac/ax (Wi-Fi 4, 5, 6)
RAM	4GB Min.(8GB pref)	4GB Min.(8GB pref)
Storage	128GB Min.	128GB Min.
Min. Battery Life	6 hours	6 hours
Min Screen Size	11”	13”

# Important Considerations

Laptop build quality - handling bumps and knocks

Laptop case and lock for locker - Can void many insurance policies if not used.

Warranty & Insurance - maintain records, receipts and level of cover.

Batteries - come to school FULLY charged. Can't have chargers due to OHS issues.

You decide what suits your family and budget best - you don't have to cave to unrealistic desires...*like that \$3000 gaming laptop!*

# Setting up your new device

After organising your device you'll need to:

- Set up a user account for the student - they need to know the username and password (and possibly secret questions)
- If the device is new, we recommend running the laptop setup **WITHOUT** connecting to WIFI first - otherwise logins are tied to Microsoft or AppleID accounts.
- Once the user account is created, connect to your home WIFI.
- Then proceed to creating or linking to your child's Microsoft Account or AppleID (iCloud). You'll need to sign into the APP STORE for each company to download any software. Windows computers may also need to disable "S-Mode" through the store. Just search for S-Mode and click GET.

# How we connect at school

Students are provided with an eduPASS password, along with an IT Services Sheet which describes which login details are required for different applications.

We set passwords for students so they are the same across all our services at school.

*This setup process will likely take place in Year 7 IT classes.*

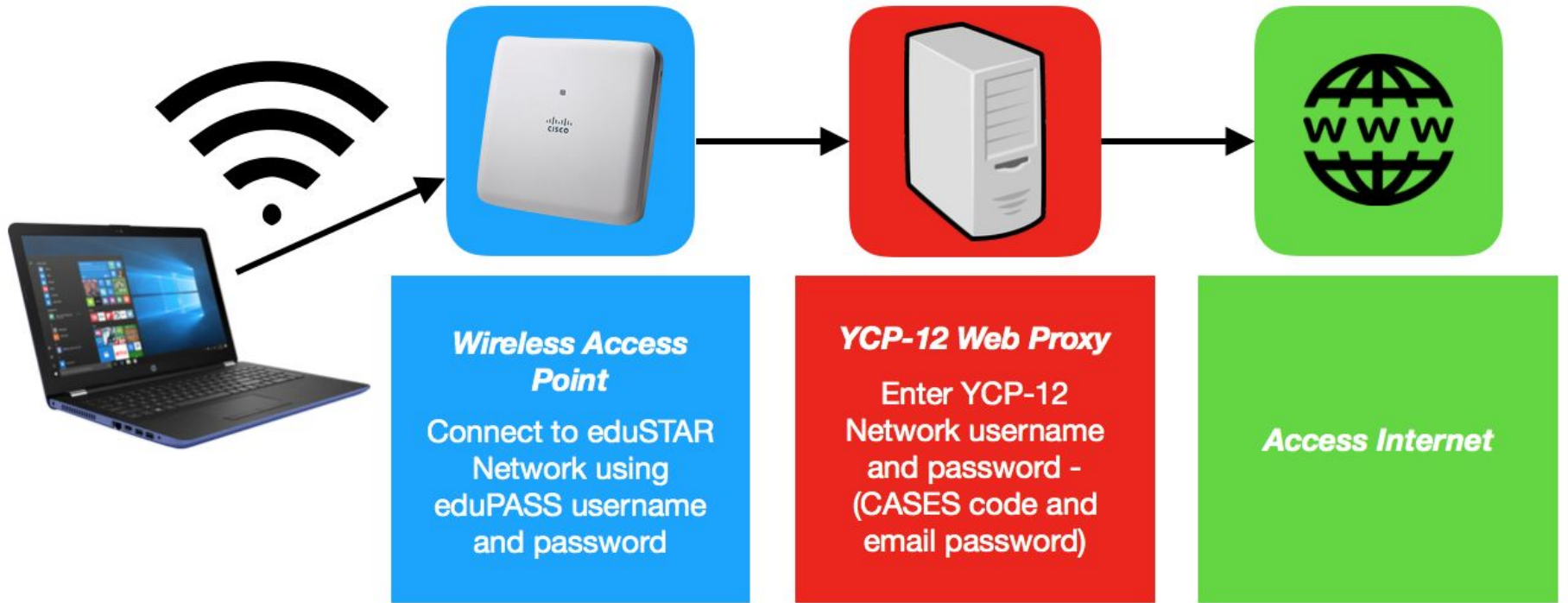
# How we connect at school

This new password is COMPLEX to meet the DET password policy requirements:

- A. At least 8 characters
- B. Upper case letters
- C. Lower case letters
- D. Numbers
- E. Special Characters (!@#\$%^&\*?) - NOT underscore (\_)

*Please note: the password CANNOT contain any part of your name or birthdate.*

# How we connect at school



# Please note:

Students need to have the TIME and DATE set correctly on their laptop to enable network connection and using online services such as Google.

Running VPN (Virtual Private Network) software on the school network will result in no internet connection. Students are advised against running a VPN for school purposes.

# Student Login Page

## Student Login

WEB MAIL

COLLEGE DRIVE ACCESS

COMPASS LOGIN

WLN LOGIN

EDUPASS ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

EDUSTAR SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD

WEB PRINTING

LIBRARY/TV4EDUCATION

ONGUARD SAFETY

Access to all College services, including email, printing, College Student/Student Info Drives, Compass, Library. All accessible outside school. This is available on our school website: <https://yarrawonga.vic.edu.au/>

*eduPASS and eduSTAR must be accessed at school.*

# Using Microsoft Office 365

Office 365 requires a student to use their eduPASS username and password to authorise the software. Students will set this up at school.

In this case the DET has a specific email for students to use:


[eduPASSusername]@schools.vic.edu.au

This authorisation is easier to manage before a “trial period” has been enabled or expired. (Requires removal and re-download of software)

# IT Services - Students

Students will be provided with a new IT Services sheet. Lists login details for services provided by YCP-12 and DET.

## IT Services Login Details



Student Name:	
CASES21 Code:	
DOB:	<i>Used for initial password – must be changed on first login.</i>
School Email:	
<b>eduPASS</b> Username:	
DET Email:	

**DET Services that require **eduPASS** or DET email and **eduPASS** password:**

<b>eduSTAR</b> network/BYO laptop	
<b>eduSTAR</b> software download	
<b>eduPASS</b> account management	
Lynda.com	Access through <b>eduSTAR</b> Software Collaboration and Cloud
Office 365 sign-in	DET email and <b>eduPASS</b> password

**YCP-12 Services that require CASES21 Code, or school email address and YCP-12 Password:**

College Computer Login	
Proxy Authentication for YCP-12 Network	
COMPASS login	
Printing/Web Printing	
College Drive Access	
Google G-Suite for Education	

# Anti-Virus/Malware Software

Please be aware that the BEST protection against viruses and malware is prevention.

Use reputable sources for streaming media and downloading software, such as authorised stores. Some games may also include malware in the installer.

Don't click on links on shopping page ads, or in strange emails.

Running multiple Antivirus packages can create a loop where one fights against the other, slowing the computer down...

Even running a free scan of Malwarebytes can be enough if students are careful online.

# Cybersafety

Please talk to children about cybersafety issues.

Check out [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

Australian Government | Office of the eSafety Commissioner

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