Bring Your Own Laptop

2027

YARRAWONGA COLLEGE P-12





eLearning Mission

Yarrawonga 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, Yarrawonga College allows different options for families to choose the one most suitable. Parents must ensure their child has a laptop for 2027.

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 physical maintenance on BYOL devices, only software support.

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.

Where to purchase: There are THREE options available.

1. The College has an **online supplier** for BYOL laptops in 2027. Information is available on the College website to access a laptop purchasing portal for suitable devices. Payment, Insurance, Warranty, Cases and Delivery to the College are available.
go to - https://byod.jbhifi.education/
enter school code: **YarrawongaP12**

2. Purchase your laptop through a **supplier of your choice**. There are numerous local and online suppliers, but please take warranty/repair arrangements into consideration. Please ensure the device meets the ***minimum specification***.

3. Pursue a **secondhand**, or **hand-me-down** option within the family/ friends. Please ensure the device meets the ***minimum specification***.

Minimum Specifications for Bring Your Own Laptop

	Windows/PC	Apple/OSX
Operating System	Windows 11 (Version 25H2) or above	macOS 14 (Sonoma) or above
Wireless	Wi-Fi 4 (802.11n) or above	Wi-Fi 4 (802.11n) or above
RAM	4GB Min (8GB Pref)	4GB Min (8GB Pref)
Min. Battery Life	6 hours	6 hours
Min. Screen Size	11″	13″
Storage/HDD	128GB min	128GB min

Required Software for Bring Your Own Laptop - FREE!

In addition to the operating system, some software items are also required for BYOL devices. Most titles are downloadable at school for **FREE** and authorised using login details. ***There's no need to purchase Microsoft Office.***

- Microsoft Office 365 or Apple equivalent (Pages, Numbers, Keynote)
- Adobe Reader DC
- Browsers - Google Chrome, *plus Microsoft Edge (Windows) or Safari (Apple)*
- *Students may be required to download and install applications for specific subjects during the school year.*

Printing

Papercut Web Print services allow students to upload files and print to a variety of printers within the College. Students will continue to have a print budget allocated each term. Students can log onto WEB PRINT through the College website and upload Microsoft Office documents, images or PDFs for printing at school.

Considerations For BYOL

- Please consider the build quality of any laptop purchased for BYOL. The demands of being carried around to classes and to and from school can take a toll on a computer. The better the build quality, the laptop might handle some bumps and scrapes.
- Further protection can be added by purchasing a hard cover for your laptop.
- BYOL devices should be covered by a suitable warranty and insurance. It is the responsibility of each family to ensure the laptop is covered in the event of accidental damage or theft. The College accepts no responsibility for damage or loss.
- BYOL devices cannot be serviced by College technicians. All maintenance and servicing is the owner's responsibility. Keeping receipts and records is suggested.
- Laptops need to come to school, fully-charged and ready for use each day. Power supplies cannot be used at school due to the Workplace Health and Safety risks of having power cables through walkways.
- Battery life is important to the successful use of the laptop throughout the school day. Skills in managing power usage (including not playing games and watching videos) are essential for each student.
- Students should ensure the safety and security of their laptop by storing it in their assigned locker with its lock fastened.
- Transport of the laptop with the screen closed, and using it securely on a desk can minimise risk of damage.
- Plan for the future with a device that will last at-least three years, and meets the demands of their learning.
- The laptop remains the property of the student/family, but its use is still regulated by the YCP-12 Acceptable Use Agreement.
- Please check the Minimum Specifications of your chosen device.



1. Read through documentation.
2. Decide on the best sourcing option for your BYO Laptop.
3. Ask any questions if required by calling the College on (03) 5744 1751.