



St. Arnaud Secondary College Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD) 2026

Students studying at St. Arnaud Secondary College in 2026 are invited to supply their own notebook device for use as part of the College's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. This document provides details of the BYOD program and device recommendations. For further details see the College's website – BYOD Program 2026 <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/>

What type of BYOD do students need?

The device must be capable of connecting to the College's 5GHz Wi-Fi network, so it must support 802.11a or 802.11ac Wi-Fi connections. The device should be appropriate to work on and produce office style documents such as spreadsheets, word processed documents and presentations which may need to be printed or submitted electronically.

A table of recommended device specifications can be found in the BYOD Recommendations Guide. Ideally students should obtain a BYOD device which meets with the specification in the "Great" or "Acceptable" section of the table. The table is intended as a guide, where devices with some variation from the specifications listed may be suitable.

Do participating students require a new device?

Participating students are not required to purchase a new device. Students may already have a device that will be suitable. Use the BYOD Recommendations Guide to compare the device's suitability.

If students do prefer to use a new device where should they purchase it from?

You are not required to purchase a device from any particular supplier. However, to assist you with the choice of device, you can purchase from Learning With Technology (LWT), and a link is provided for you to view the devices listed on the LWT portal for comparison of device offerings from other suppliers also.

LWT Link - <https://sasc.orderportal.com.au/>

What software can the College provide me for my BYOD at no cost?

St. Arnaud Secondary College can provide access to Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and Outlook, and to Adobe Creative Cloud software titles for the duration of a student's enrolment at the College.

Repairs, Warranty and Theft

The College insurance does not cover students' personal devices. When purchasing a new device, it is highly recommended that an extended warranty and insurance is purchased. The College is not responsible for any repairs, maintenance or theft of the BYOD device.

Care of Device

It is recommended that students purchase a carry bag or cover, as most repairs to notebook devices are caused by droppage or spillages.

For further Information, please contact the ICT Department at the College – 5495 1811

BYOD Recommendation Guide	
 Great!	Midrange or above Windows Notebook (cost around \$1,100) or Microsoft Surface Pro (cost around \$1,600) • 256 GB storage • 8 GB memory • 802.11a/ac or dual-band Wi-Fi adapter • Less than 2 years old
 Acceptable	Base level Windows Notebook (cost range \$500 to \$1,000) • 128 GB storage • 8 GB memory • 802.11a/ac or dual-band Wi-Fi adapter • Less than 2 years old OR An older device with similar specs to those listed as “Great” above which may be 2 to 4 years old (or possibly a little older if the device is in excellent condition and the battery holds a charge for a school day).
 Not recommended	Apple iPad or quality Android Tablet or Chromebook • 128GB storage models (32GB may work, but could be problematic) • A keyboard attachment • Generally less than 2 years old with a battery that lasts a school day While tablets or Chromebooks may perform many of the functions students require, some tasks may be either difficult or impossible when using these devices. Therefore we do not generally recommend these devices and suggest a general purpose MacBook or Windows computer as a better option.
 Not suitable	✗ Devices that do not have a 5GHz (802.11a or ac) Wi-Fi adapter (Devices with only a 2.4GHz (802.11 b/g/n) are not suitable) ✗ In general, devices older than 4 years (see above) ✗ Low end Android or Chromebook based devices (typically less than \$500) ✗ Devices with less than 128 GB of storage (see details above for recommendations) ✗ Devices with less than 30 GB free storage space ✗ Devices with less than 4 GB memory (acceptable iPads or tablets may have less) ✗ Devices running Windows 10 S, Windows RT or Linux.

