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to dare
to dream

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) AT OXLEY

OVERVIEW

BYOD at Oxley College

All students in Years 5-12 are required to participate in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme at Oxley College. A BYOD approach allows students to bring a computer to Oxley College to support their learning needs. Computers are powerful means of differentiating and personalising a student's education, and student-owned devices facilitate student choice over which device best suits their learning and communication style.

Under the programme, a laptop of a minimum standard is supplied privately by the student and their family then onboarded with essential school software such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, and network services such as Wi-Fi and printing.

Prior to onboarding a privately owned computer to the school network, the student is required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement which will allow Oxley College's IT Helpdesk to assist with software troubleshooting, and basic hardware support.

Students are at all times required to comply with the relevant Codes of Conduct and computer-usage related policies regardless of whether they are using their own BYO computer, a school-owned loan device, or are borrowing another a device owned by someone else.

Students have a choice between Apple Mac and Windows devices as part of the BYOD programme. This programme allows them to select from a broad range of options for devices. These devices are essential to learning at Oxley and should be replaced every three to five years. This will ensure that computers perform adequately with the ever-growing requirements of software used within teaching and learning.

IMPORTANT
Oxley College ***does not*** support iPads, Android tablets, Chromebooks and laptops running Linux as the student's primary BYO computer.
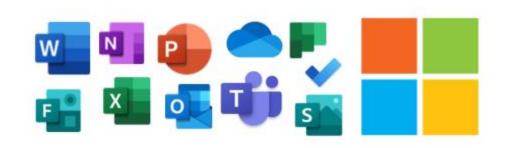
Applications supplied by Oxley College

Each student will be provided access to the following application suites. Their accounts will remain active for as long as they are an enrolled student at Oxley College:

Microsoft 365 A5 for students

Benefits include:

- We provide an "@oxley.nsw.edu.au" student email address.
- Office apps on up to 5 devices:
  - Outlook
  - Word
  - Excel
  - PowerPoint
    …and more!
- 1Tb cloud storage on OneDrive.
- Windows 11 for Education.

Adobe Creative Cloud

Students in Years 5 to 12 will also get access to Adobe Creative Cloud apps. Most modern laptops will be able to run these apps but if your child has a keen interest in creativity and media, you may wish to consider a more powerful laptop to ensure the programs run smoothly.

Benefits include:

- All Creative Cloud desktop apps!

    - Photoshop

    - Illustrator

    - InDesign

    - Adobe Express

      ...and more!

- Adobe express mobile apps (Smartphones and tablets.)

- Adobe Firefly AI image generator.
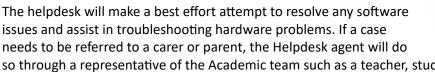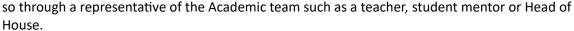
- 80Gb cloud storage on Adobe Cloud.

Help and Support

We have an IT Helpdesk onsite, located in the library. Standard services include:

- Connecting your BYO computer to the school Wi-Fi and printer.
- Assistance installing college approved apps.
- Provide a loan laptop if your child's computer is away for repair (subject to availability).

The helpdesk will make a best effort attempt to resolve any software issues and assist in troubleshooting hardware problems. If a case needs to be referred to a carer or parent, the Helpdesk agent will do so through a representative of the Academic team such as a teacher, student mentor or Head of House.

Network security

As part of our Duty of Care for students, we utilise a variety of tools to protect our network and to ensure your child is using the internet responsibly and safely whilst at the College. Families often choose to obtain additional software to monitor and secure their child's computer. There are rare occasions when family-supplied security products experience issues with the school's network security and the IT Helpdesk will make a best-effort attempt to troubleshoot and resolve any that arise. Issues may be referred back to the carer via the appropriate academic team member.
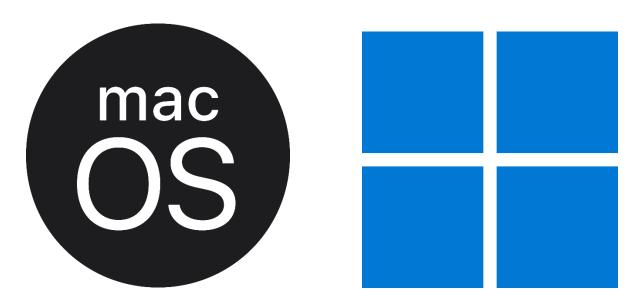
Getting ready for school

Please ensure that your child has sufficient access on their BYO computer to add/remove programs and make changes to their network and security settings. If your BYO computer is a laptop that was previously registered with another organisation (an ex-work laptop, or has been previously connected with another school), please ensure that all accounts and restrictions have been removed.

Selecting your device

BYOD selection tips

- When comparing devices between retailers, please make sure you factor the cost of optional Extended Warranty or device insurance. Whilst not required it is strongly recommended that additional protection is in place to minimise the cost and time to restore your child's device.
- A high-quality protective bag with rigid support is essential.
- Please remember that Microsoft 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud are provided by the College for the duration of the student's enrolment. It is not necessary to purchase these products separately.
- Please consider whether digital inking (using a stylus to take notes or for digital illustration) is a potential requirement. Many devices support touchscreens but do not have digital stylus support.
- Please consider whether your child will potentially take creativity or media subjects in Senior School, and that they may require the investment of an adequate computer with much more processing power.

Minimum Specifications

Whichever device is chosen it will need to meet the minimum specifications below. It is important that your selected device complies with each of these requirements to ensure applications and digitally assisted learning activities can be completed by your child.

It must be noted that Chromebooks, iPads, and Android tablets (such as Samsung Galaxy tablets) are not suitable as the student's primary computer under the BYOD programme.

Screen 12.4-inch screen and above. 1080p resolution and above.	Battery Life 7+ hours
Operating System Windows 10 1903 or newer. macOS 13 (Ventura) or newer.	Weight Sub 2.0 kg
Processor Windows: Intel or AMD multicore CPU with 64-bit support. MacBook: Intel multicore CPU with 64-bit support or Apple silicone.	Wireless Card 5 GHz AC/AX (Wi-Fi 6). Bluetooth
Memory 16Gb RAM	Storage 256Gb

- Accidental Damage Protection is highly recommended.
- Extended warranty to 3-years of coverage is highly recommended.
- Biometric login capabilities such as face unlock, or fingerprint reader are highly recommended.

These minimum specifications and recommended extras are reviewed each year.