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BYOD for learning
(Bring Your Own Device)

Southern Christian College BYOD Program

Southern Christian College recognises that Information Technologies are an exciting way to support and develop students' learning. More than ever, students must be prepared and equipped with the skills they need to utilise technology safely and responsibly beyond their time at school. Students are then able to engage with a much broader world and develop lifelong skills in the process.

Students in Years 7-12 are required to have a personal laptop for educational use at the school and home that meets the College minimum specifications. In the following pages are details of optional purchasing arrangements with independent suppliers that have been organised for College families.

The College provides filtered internet connectivity to the College wireless network, access to the College Learning Management System (Managebac) and on-site printing. The College will purchase site licenses of Microsoft Office365. These will be accessible for download via a College portal for Apple devices. Windows devices are pre-installed with Office365 and will simply require a College email address and password.

Online storage is provided through Office365 OneDrive. Students can use this option to store their documents rather than on their device. Please remember that any cloud storage only works if they are connected to the internet or have installed the "client".

Basic trouble shooting will be provided to students. In some cases, this may require access to the device Administrator password. Support for students does not include repairs and insurance claims.

Device Minimum Specifications

Based on the device being used for education purposes only:

Minimum Mac OS Monterey, Ventura or Sonoma M1 or newer / Minimum Windows 11.

NO Chromebooks or Linux as these will not work on our network.

256GB minimum SSD storage

8GB RAM

Processor – minimum i5 processor or higher (Windows) or any Apple Silicon-based processor (Mac) Minimum 6 hours battery life – there is no access to charge laptops on the school site

Wireless 802.11ac (5) minimum

Current anti-virus software for PCs

Minimum 3-year warranty recommended

11" minimum screen size 1024 x 768 as minimum resolution

* In this document, a "laptop" refers to a device with integrated physical keyboard and mouse/trackpad as opposed to an on-screen keyboard. (Vendors may also use the following terms: Tablet, 2-in-1, Reversible, Detachable)

Recommendations for all devices

1.   Hard-sided case/carry bag/skin (to protect from impact).

2.   In terms of battery type and size, it is an expectation that students bring devices charged and that remain charged for their school day. On-site charging for student laptops will not be available.

3.   Extended warranty.

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Suppliers

The College has in place online buying portals with devices that meet the minimum requirements listed. All suppliers offer door-to-door delivery options, a range of models and prices.

The suppliers that the College currently has arrangements with are JB HiFi, Officeworks and The School Locker. You may purchase the laptop from a supplier of your own choice but the device must meet the minimum specifications listed above. If the device does not meet these specifications your child's learning will be impacted.

All of the suppliers we have negotiated with have no interest loans for those that prefer an instalment payment arrangement, rather than a one-off payment. These may require a small monthly fee.

The buying portals for each supplier can be found at:

JB HiFi   www.jbeducation.com.au/byod
                        Instructions: You will need to enter this code to access the buying portal: SCC2024

Officeworks   www.officeworks.com.au/education/byod
                        Instructions: Please search for Southern Christian College

A **comprehensive insurance policy** suitable for laptops used by students can be purchased online at *www.ibroker.net.au/index.php* Please quote SCC as the promo code to receive a 10% discount. The College as worked with iBroker for more than a decade and have been satisfied with the student cover offered.

Note: All purchases through these portals are approved by the College administration prior to approval.

Policies and Procedures

At Southern Christian College we value the safety of all our students. The College has in place filtering on WIFI networks; however, the College has in place policies and procedures for all students and staff on the acceptable use of devices and the internet to support learning and safe practices.

Below is a link to the policies, procedures and agreements that can be found at any time on the College's network home page:

    https://southernchristiancollege.sharepoint.com/sites/ourdotscc

eSafety

Southern Christian College believes that safe online behaviour is an important skill all students need to be taught. It is essential that both College and home collaborate.

Online learning and learning communities need to be used and accessed by responsible and informed digital citizens who know how to treat others with respect online and who make appropriate decisions when communicating through a variety of digital channels.

Cyber safety forms part of our curriculum across the school years, but we recommend that parents visit the eSafety Commissioner's webpage at www.esafety.gov.au to access valuable resources to help keep your child safe and stay informed on the current online issues.

We can minimise dangers and inappropriate behaviours if we know what to look for and what to do if it happens.

The eSafety Commissioner's site has some very helpful information for both parents and children to help navigate the online world for parents and children and we recommend this as a resource.

The site can be found at www.esafety.gov.au

There is a section for parents and an age-appropriate section for young people and young children.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What is the cost of devices and who is responsible for payment?**

   Parents are fully responsible for the purchase of devices. Pricing of devices is continually becoming more competitive as new products come to market and the buying portals are updated with current prices. These are specially negotiated prices available specifically for educational purposes. However, you may purchase devices through your own choice of supplier.

2. **What should I allow my child to install and or store without it affecting the efficiency of the machine?**

   Parents should be aware that the device specifications have been selected on the basis that the device is used for educational purposes. If parents plan to allow their child to use the device for recreational purposes, they should note that this will place additional demands on the machine. For recreational use, the machines may need more RAM, a faster processor, more storage space, and a higher speed video card. If you plan to allow recreation, please refer to IT specialists at the retail stores.

3. **Are there devices that students may use in the event that their own devices are being repaired?**

   The College recognises that, for a variety of reasons, there are legitimate occasions when a students' personal device may be unavailable for short periods of time. The College therefore offers students to temporarily borrow a College device.

   College devices are not available for longer than two weeks. In exceptional circumstances where a device takes longer to be repaired, the loan period of the device may be reviewed. A loan device will only be issued to assist the student while their device is sent away for repairs.

   This service is not available in cases where a student has left a device at home or forgotten to charge it. *Parents take full financial responsibility if a College device is damaged, either accidently or maliciously.*

4. **What if I just want to know what machine to buy?**

   Please refer to the minimum specifications above.

5. **Will I be given any information from the College on how to block sites/keep the device safe for my child?**

   The College will provide regular updates to families on topics related to cyber-safety and digital citizenship through the newsletter or email updates.

6. **How important is battery life?**

   The program is founded on the principle that students charge their machines overnight and bring them to school fully charged and that they last for the full day. It is a crucial specification.

7. **What about antivirus?**

   Antivirus is parents' responsibility. The College recommends that only 1 anti-virus product is installed.

8. **Is there an agreement I need to sign before my child is granted access to the College network?**

   As part of the BYOD program, all student devices will only receive access to the College network after the student and a parent/carer has signed and returned the Acceptable Use Agreement that will be provided at the start of the school year.

9. **Will my child's internet use be monitored at the College?**

   All devices logged on to the College network are monitored and filtered for safe use. This is consolidated by teacher supervision.

10. **What if the device is damaged, lost or stolen?**

    This is the responsibility of parents and students, and should either be covered through personal household insurance, specific device insurance purchased or the warranty that comes with the device (e.g. AppleCare+). We highly recommend a good quality cover/case that will protect the device from accidently knock, drops and liquid leaks. The College offers no recommendation for which protective cover/case to purchase but they may not depict any images or text deemed inappropriate to the College ethos.