

BYOD

Which device do I need?

Canberra High School Recommends:

1. Chromebooks

Advantages:

- Low price (\$350)
- Ease of use
 - boots up in 9 seconds
 - portable
 - is ready 'out-of-the-box'
 - requires no additional software – all web or cloud based.
- Standard platform. This is the recommended device from the Department for BYOD. Although it is not a school owned device, some expertise will exist in the school if problems arise.

Possible disadvantages

- Will not run specialised software such as photoshop
- Needs Wi-Fi to access google software (GAFE)

2. Windows or Mac laptop/iPad.

Windows laptop

1. A smaller laptop, 12 inch diagonal screen (starting at \$600) running at least windows 7. Windows 98 devices are not recommended as connection is difficult.
2. Advantages
 - Can run specialised software that you purchase.
 - Can download Office 365 for no charge
 - Can save to local drive as well as “the cloud”
 - Can run GAFE as well
3. Disadvantages
 - Higher cost
 - Not a common platform, ie many brands so if problems occur connecting to Wi-Fi there will be little support.
 - Connecting to Wi-Fi is sometimes difficult

Mac Laptop

1. A smaller mac laptop such as MacBook Air for around \$1200
 - Advantages – same as Windows laptop, but connects to the Wi-Fi easier
 - Disadvantages – same as Windows laptop, Higher Cost again.

2. iPad

An iPad can be used with some success in the BYOD environment, however some of the GAFE offerings do not work well at this stage.

Canberra High School does not support the purchase of any other tablets as a BYOD. In line with the School's phone policy, phones are not to be used as a BYOD.