



# Wyndham's International High School

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## Werribee Secondary College BYODD Program

### Dear Parent/Guardian

Since **2015**, Werribee Secondary College has implemented a technology access program which involves students purchasing computer devices. We call this the **WSC Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD)** program. This means that students are able to connect specified devices to the College network. This limitation is necessary to allow the College's Specialist Technicians to provide adequate support without being overwhelmed by a range of platforms and devices. In **2017**, the BYODD Program **extends** to all Year levels from 7 to 12.

The use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is now universal in education, work and general life. Our aim is to give our students every educational advantage for their futures. Technology is an essential part of this endeavour. We believe that the balanced and appropriate use of technology can stimulate interest, increase proficiency and support differentiated learning pathways for our students.

After a comprehensive review of possible choices, the College settled on the Apple platform, as the specified devices for our students. This choice is based on learning and teaching capabilities, flexibility to use with Office 365, reliability, availability of educational Apps, ease of use, cost, instant on, battery life and Apple's educational support.

### Ownership

Under the BYODD Program, students supply their own device to use at school. They may use a device the family already owns (as long as it meets the specifications listed below), or families have the option to purchase an appropriate device from one of the many Apple retail outlets.

The device remains the property of the family and all maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of the family. The school will only provide technical support for issues associated with connecting devices to the school network.

### Use at School

Use of ICT devices at the school must meet with the requirements of the College's **BYODD Acceptable Use Agreement (AUP)**. All students are required to read the Agreement while connecting to the WSC School Network for the first time. There is a hyperlink to the AUP within the setup process, and a check box must be ticked to confirm that students agree to comply with the requirements whilst using the device at school. A printed copy of the AUP will also be sent home.

There is also a document called "**Using Technology Appropriately**", which provides more specific details about how devices can be used at the college. Both documents can be found on the College web site by going to: [www.werribeesc.vic.edu.au](http://www.werribeesc.vic.edu.au) > **BYODD** > **BYODD Documents**.  
(<http://www.werribeesc.vic.edu.au/index.php?p=byodd+documents>)

## The Designated Device

Students may choose from the following devices:

### iPads:

Highly recommended: iPad Pro 12.7 inches **or** 9.7 inches, 32GB Wi-Fi  
Recommended: iPad Air 2 32GB Wi-Fi  
Acceptable: iPad Air 2 16GB Wi-Fi, iPad Air 32GB Wi-Fi

### MacBooks:

Highly recommended: MacBook Air 13 inches, 8G memory, 256GB SSD  
(or higher specification model i.e. MacBook Pro Retina)  
Recommended: MacBook Air 13 inches, 8GB memory, 128GB SSD  
Acceptable: MacBook Air 11.6 inches, 4GB memory, 128GB or any late 2013  
MacBook Air/Pro models

**Students are also strongly advised to protect their devices by purchasing the following:**

### For iPads:

- A hard cover (it is recommended that this contains an external keyboard)
- A screen protector

### For MacBooks:

- A carry bag

## Purchasing, Further Information and Price Indications

**Please note:** The school does not have a preferred supplier but educational prices (a discount) can be obtained from JB Hi-Fi and Harvey Norman. It is possible to buy from other suppliers and some may offer competitive pricing. Please remember to state that the device is intended for use by a student, in order to obtain the educational price.

Harvey Norman has set up a web site (Portal) for WSC parents, **which it claims** offers the lowest educational prices for Apple devices.

While purchasing, parents should ensure that warranty and service support is quickly and readily available for the device through the supplier. Some suppliers may request that any warranty claims are referred directly to Apple Stores. Clarify this with your chosen supplier.

We expect that the costs of the following items will be around the following figures:

- iPads from \$527 to \$1,070
- MacBooks from \$1,299 to \$1,720

Access the Purchase Portal from the WSC School Web Site via the **BYODD** menu:



### Apple Authorised Suppliers

Purchase Portal Below:



The link to the Purchase Portal

Contact Detail (for any hardware specification enquires)

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