Bring Your Own Device Information

Wireless access to our intranet and the internet is provided for all students throughout the College. We allocate many online resources through our Learning Management System, called SIMON, as well as Office 365 and other programs. We recommend Windows 10 devices as we run a Windows-based service and all of our technicians are proficient with this technology. We do not recommend Mac laptops as the College can only provide very limited support for these types of machines. iPads are not appropriate for use as a primary device at the College. Please note that the College does not take any responsibility for student’s personal property. Parents are encouraged to add any electronic device to their home and contents policy.

What type of computer should I get?
A laptop should be relatively light and robust. It needs to be fast enough to run multiple applications at one time and have enough short term memory (RAM) and long term memory (Hard drive) so all work can be saved and accessed with minimum waiting time. It must have wireless access to allow the computer to connect to the College network and a mouse or tracker pad for easy navigation. A separate keyboard is a must as onscreen keyboards take up too much space on a touch screen. A touch screen with a mechanical stylus allows students to annotate over diagrams and easily take notes. A camera and microphone are also worthwhile additions. To protect your investment, we recommend a protective case and clear name labelling. If a student chooses to bring their own device the following recommendations apply:

Minimum:
- 13-inch screen
- 500 Gb hard drive
- 4 Gb RAM
- Separate keyboard
- 8-hour battery life
- Dual band WIFI
- Mouse or touch pad
- Headphones
- Intel Core i5 processor

Desirable:
- Touch screen
- Electronic pen/stylus
- 1TB hard drive
- Light weight (Under 1.5kg)
- 6+ Gb RAM
- Protective cover
- Extra power cord (one for home and one for College)
- Windows 10

The estimated price for a suitable device would be between $600 and $1500.

For more information on BYOD:
Parent guide to choosing a BYOD device

SOFTWARE
GYC provides students with a one-year subscription to Office365. This gives students the ability to download Microsoft Office up to 5 times to any device that will be used for College work. This subscription is compatible for all platforms. Office 365 also hosts the College’s email and allows students to access cloud storage for transfer of files and backup.

Programs the College provides:

- Outlook
- Excel
- OneNote
- Word
- Publisher
- Plus, many more online

Where can I get some help?
Harvey Norman has arranged a portal for Guilford Young College students which has a selection of appropriate devices:


There are several other reputable computer retailers in Hobart who provide excellent service and assistance.