



Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D) Program 2021 – Year 7

The B.Y.O.D program is part of our long-term plan to better engage students in their learning and ensure they are well equipped as 21st Century Learners. Furthermore, in light of the impact of COVID 19, it will minimize any future disruptions to students' learning if every student has a device.

From 2021, all Year 7 students will be **strongly encouraged** to have their own device. This will further facilitate their access to MS Teams (the College's online Learning Management System) and build their capacity to use Information and Communication Technology in their learning and day-to-day lives.

For interested families, the College has arranged a 3 Year Lease Scheme which provides a very affordable option for families. At the end of the lease, families will be able to keep the device and there are no further payments to make. Specific details are attached.

Having their own device will help students to:

- develop ICT capabilities and competencies;
- become smart online citizens;
- transfer knowledge and skills and apply them to new technologies and situations;
- access interactive learning and educational resources via web-based programs;
- have wider choice of how to create, submit and store their work;
- explore creative tools for showcasing their work;
- communicate within and beyond the College as part of interactive approaches to teaching and learning; and
- access their learning at any time and from any location.

The College has established a Lease Scheme with supplier **Learning With Technologies (LWT)**. LWT has established an online portal where you can review various models and purchase/lease your preferred device. The address is -

<https://mrc.orderportal.com.au/Welcome?ofid=1750&eid=64608>

Families who do not wish to participate in the College's sourced program can still purchase devices from other retailers, please see our recommended specifications below.

School recommend specifications:

- ✓ CPU/Processor: Intel i3/i5
- ✓ RAM: 8GB or better
- ✓ HDD/Storage Space: 256GB or better Solid State Drive (SSD)
- ✓ Operating System: Windows 10 64bit.

- ✓ Software: Microsoft Office Suite or Open Source Equivalent (not supported)
- ✓ Wireless Connectivity: 802.11ac

Students will be connected to the College Wi-Fi. No fee applies to the connection. Up to two devices can be connected per student. Mentor teachers will assist students with the connection of their device(s) through the College's I.T. Department.

Students will receive assistance with the following:

- connection to the College's network;
- basic technical support (wireless network and functional access to resources); and
- access to online school resources and their own electronic files;
- an account with, and advice on how to connect to Office 365 and other web-based services used in our teaching and learning.

The College recommends families take out appropriate insurance for their child's device/s. In some cases this may be covered through standard house/contents insurance. Please be mindful that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the B.Y.O.D program, please contact the eLearning/IT team via email contact@mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au

We look forward to working in partnership with you in preparing our students for tomorrow's opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



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