

Mill Park Secondary College 2021 Bring Your Own Device Program

Mill Park Secondary College is encouraging families to purchase a laptop that can be used both at school and home. MPSC is assisting to reduce costs for families by providing the software free including Microsoft Office, Expression Web, Visual Basic, Visio, Sibelius and the Adobe Suite. It is expected that students in Year 7 to 12 will bring a device in 2021 to all classes.

Please take time to read this information pack regarding the BYOD program. Should you have and further questions, contact IT by phoning MPSC or emailing mill.parksc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Device Specifications and Minimum System Requirements:

The device specifications identify the minimum system requirements/hardware specifications for student devices and offer guidance on some suggested makes and models so that parents are fully informed about requirements. While all devices meet the minimum system requirements/hardware specifications, the school strongly recommends that students choose a laptop device to ensure that their BYOD maximises their learning experiences.

Device Type	Windows Laptop	Mac Laptop	Windows Tablet	Android	Ipad	Chrome Book
Operating System	Windows 10	OS X 10.7 or higher	Windows 10	Not Supported	OS X 10.7 or higher	Not Supported
Wireless	802.11n	802.11n	802.11n	NA	802.11n	NA
Min Screen Size	11"	11"	10"	NA	9.7"	NA
Storage Capacity	64Gb	64Gb	16Gb	NA	16Gb	NA
Ram	4Gb	2Gb	2Gb	NA	NA	NA
Minimum Battery Life	6 Hours	6 Hours	6 Hours	NA	6 Hours	NA
Suggested Accessories	Protective case/cover Headphones	Protective case/cover Headphones	Protective case/cover Headphones	NA	Protective case/cover Headphones	NA

*Google Chromebooks, mobile phones and ebook readers are NOT suitable.

Please Note:

The MPSC wireless network only operates on the 802.11n 5GHz standard. Devices with 802.11a/b/g or 802.11n 2.4GHz only will not be able to connect.

Student responsibilities for devices and safe usage

All students are expected to bring a charged laptop to school every day.

All students and families are required to read MPSC Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy which can be found in this pack or on the school website [here](#).

Do I need to go and buy a brand-new device? Existing laptops may be used if they meet the minimum specifications.

Where will laptops be stored during breaks? All 7-12 students are provided with a locker. It is their responsibility to purchase a lock and ensure that it remains locked.

Are there any additional items to purchase? MPSC encourages students to protect their device by storing in a dedicated laptop bag or pouch.

Can students put their own software, music, apps or games etc. on their laptop? Yes, the laptop belongs to you and you have full administrative control. However, if you have software or files on the device that breach the Acceptable User Agreement then we may restrict your internet access at school.

Is there any insurance?

Insurance is not compulsory and not provided by MPSC. It may be possible to include the laptop within your current Home Insurance policy.

Can students charge their laptops at school? As there are limited spaces for charging, students are expected to bring a fully charged laptop to school to ensure maximum use in the classroom.

Will MPSC monitor internet usage at school? DET provide a safe and secure Wi-Fi network. Some meta data may be recorded in this process.

Can MPSC monitor laptops whilst at home? No, we are unable to monitor usage of devices outside of the eduSTAR network.

Will MPSC install any software? MPSC will need to install the Wireless certificate to allow access to the network and the Citrix Client to allow access to the software.

Is the school assisting with devices repairs? MPSC's involvement is limited to assisting students.

I am concerned about cyber bullying, safety and over usage

MPSC is mindful of that students need to become safe and socially responsible digital citizens.

eSafety Commissioner has support for parents www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent

- It's recommended children use devices in places where adults are present
- It's useful having designated times by when devices must be turned off.

More information can be found on the MPSC website [here](#).