

Technology is a tool in the day-to-day learning of contemporary students. Different teachers in different classes will use technology in different ways. Students don't learn in a paperless or wholly online environment. They use technology in classes to support the best possible approaches to rigorous teaching and learning.

**There is an expectation that all Year 7, 8, 11 and 12s will have a laptop to start school in 2024.**

## What is BYOD?

BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device (suitable device for school use). It is a scheme designed to allow select year levels at Pioneer State High School to have access to digital learning on their own device rather than the school desk tops.

## What are the minimum requirements for a computer?

Machine Type:	Laptop only (Not a MacBook/Chromebook)
Screen size:	Between 10" & 16"
Processor:	Intel i3 or higher – Intel i5 for technical subjects or equivalent
RAM:	8GB recommended (technical subjects 16GB or higher)
Hard drive:	256GB minimum preferable SSD
Operating System:	Windows 10 or Windows 11 ONLY (please note <b>not</b> Windows 10s)
Wireless:	5 GHz
Ports:	1 x USB port minimum, audio in/out, in-built microphone, Camera
Battery life:	6+ hours (6+ cell or higher)

## Necessary Software

- Microsoft Office 365 supplied free of charge (including licensing for up to five devices), accessible from the school website.
- Suitable Anti-Virus software - parents/carers are recommended to purchase a suitable anti-virus software, to protect the student device, however the inbuilt Microsoft Defender is allowable for use.

## Can I buy any laptop for my child?

Yes, provided it meets the minimum requirements as detailed above. However, we recommend that you **do not** purchase a MacBook, as these devices have had issues connecting to our school network printers and drives.

## Caring for the Device?

Parents are encouraged to purchase a protective case and students are encouraged to use this case for all transportation of the device during the school day. Please factor in the size of a laptop case when purchasing a school bag.

PSHS takes no responsibility for theft, loss, breakages, vandalism or unauthorized access to BYOD laptops. While every effort will be made to investigate instances of theft or malicious damage of BYOD laptops, parents may still be responsible for acquiring the costs to repair or replace the relevant device. **Onsite Warranty (Next Business Day (NBD) and Accidental Damage Protection Insurance is STRONGLY recommended.**



## **Does my child still have to have a textbook list?**

The school has developed quality electronic resources and students are provided with access to digital and interactive textbooks. However, students will still have textbooks in some subjects where digital texts are unavailable. Some publishers have yet to offer their books in an electronic version and it is important to give access to the best resources to support student learning.

## **Do students still have to buy traditional stationery to use in class?**

Having a device in class will not make PSHS a paperless school. Many aspects of learning will best occur through students experimenting with a pen and paper, or manipulating things in a traditional way for many years to come. When the best way to engage with ideas or concepts is through technology, teachers will use it.

## **What do I need to do as a parent/carer?**

Plan to purchase a device suitable for school needs. The cost will depend on the device selected. Many outlets will offer payment plans.

## **What if I cannot afford to buy a laptop?**

- Students can apply for an equity laptop device. The Student Resource Scheme must be up to date (or on a payment plan).
- Many outlets will offer payments plans for example Afterpay @ OfficeWorks and JB HiFi
- An opportunity exists with a company called "Computer Alliance" which offers 3 models of computers with warranty, accidental damage, mouse, hard case and headphones. They offer this through Zip Money which is 3 months interest free, and an option for longer payment plans with interest.

***Please contact the office if you want any information about these payment options – 4955 9222***

## **What if my student laptop requires repairs?**

A limited number of loan laptops are available for students with laptops under repair. Parents/carers need to write a note of explanation which is presented to the school. These devices are available for a maximum period of 2 weeks and can be extended if available.







DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT ON LOAN			
Description/Type:		Brand:	
Serial Number:		Asset Number:	
Accessories: (if applicable)		Commencement Loan Date:	
Expected date of return:		Date Returned:	
Officer receiving returned equipment:	Name: _____ Signature: _____		
APPROVAL FOR LOAN (EQUITY COMMITTEE)			
I authorise the loan of the equipment to the parent/guardian for, and on behalf of, the student.			
Signature of School Approving Officer: _____			
Name: _____ Designation: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / _____			
STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT			
The equipment described at all times remains the property of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts and is issued on loan to the parent/guardian for the benefit of the student subject to the following conditions:			
<input type="checkbox"/> The equipment should be used only by myself to who it is lent and by no other person.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I, the student, and my parent/guardian has read and understood the school's student code of conduct and the school's acceptable ICT use policy.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Every care and attention should be given to the equipment during the period of the loan and I will fully comply with the school's behaviour and educational requirements when using the equipment.			
<input type="checkbox"/> All software is installed and maintained on the machine and I will ensure the equipment is scanned for viruses after home use and prior to re-connection to the departmental network.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The equipment is returnable upon demand from the school at any time for inspection, repair, and adjustment or for any other cause.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss or damage of any equipment on loan must be immediately reported to the school.			
<input type="checkbox"/> If, in the opinion of the school teacher or staff member, I am not meeting the school's behaviour and educational requirements with the equipment, this equipment loan may be terminated.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment must be returned by the student to the school by the dates specified below in this loan agreement or, if this agreement is terminated earlier than the date specified as the date of equipment returns, then the date of the termination of this loan agreement.			
This agreement is subject to the above and needs to be renewed each term.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Term 1, 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2023 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Term 2, 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2023 _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Term 3, 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Term 4, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023 _____			
I have read and understood the above acknowledgement. I have been provided with a copy of the school's behaviour and educational requirements regarding my use of the equipment and I have read and understood its terms. I acknowledge my responsibility to use the equipment in accordance with the above terms.			
Student Name: _____			
Student Signature: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / _____			