

BYOD Programme 2022

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Please refer to the school's BYOD policy for additional details on the acceptable use of BYOD equipment.

BYOD Minimum Specifications for 2022

Processor	i5 (or equivalent)
Memory (RAM)	8 Gb
Screen size	13 inch
Operating System	Windows 10 or MacOS 10.14 (or higher)
Battery life	8 hours continuous use
Mandatory Software	Microsoft Office (available free download for all enrolled students) Anti-virus software (provided by parent/caregivers at own cost)
Recommended:	Students may consider an external mouse if they find this preferable. Students must have a suitable carry case or protective bag.

Please note this does not have to be a brand new device.

Is the BYOD programme compulsory?

No, Parents and Care Givers may choose to participate in the BYOD programme.

If I don't bring my own laptop, will I still have access to computers at school?

The school will continue to provide dedicated computer labs with specialist software, and other general use computers and laptops, such as in the Library and laptop trolleys.

By bringing their own laptop, students will always have access to their own computer, configured with all their work stored and ready to go.

Can I bring any laptop to school?

Laptops must meet the minimum specification in order to access the school's network and the internet. Further details are listed below.

Where can I purchase a BYOD laptop?

We have partnered with *JB HiFi* and *Hewlett Packard (HP) Incorporated* to help you decide on the right device for your child.

1. Access to the *JB HiFi* website is <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> using the school code **gsshs21**.
2. Access to the *HP* website is [HP BYOD Store](#) using the School Code **GovernorSSHS**.
3. Alternatively, you are free to choose a device from another supplier that meets the necessary requirements.

The school does not receive any financial incentive from *JB HiFi*, and you are free to purchase a laptop from any place of your choosing or bring one that you already own (subject to meeting the minimum specifications). *These Links are available on the Governor Stirling Website* <https://www.govo.wa.edu.au>

What software do I need?

The Department of Education provides free access to 'Microsoft Office' suite of software available for students to access for free. This includes the 'Microsoft Office' suite (Word, Excel, OneNote, PowerPoint etc.). Students will need to download and install this software before using their BYOD laptop.

Students may be asked to install other software in the future, depending on the school's licencing arrangements and course requirements.

Note that the school does not supply 'specialist software' (e.g. for video editing or graphics design that is currently used in computer labs) for use on non-school owned computers. If students wish to install these software applications on their BYOD laptops, they will need to purchase software licences from a commercial provider at their own expense.

Do I need to purchase Anti-virus software?

The school is unable to assist with the removal of viruses, malware or related issues. Suitable anti-virus software must be installed on the computer prior to connecting to the school network. Parents/caregivers are responsible for the payment of any initial or ongoing costs associated with anti-virus software, or any costs associated with the removal of viruses or spyware. If a computer is suspected to be infected with a virus, malware or other malicious software, the school reserves the right to disconnect the device until it has been repaired.

A number of free and paid-for commercially available options are available, and there is no preferred or recommended solution.

Can I use a higher specification laptop?

The minimum specifications were chosen so that students will have a reasonable experience using the current network and software configurations and be able to use their laptop for a reasonable time into the future. Higher specification laptops may be desirable for students doing specialist programmes such as Arts Media or those wishing to keep their laptop for a few years.

If my laptop is damaged or stolen, what do I do?

Repairs and maintenance of BYOD laptops is the responsibility of the parent/student. JB HiFi have arrangements for laptops purchased through their company, and parents/Care Givers may choose to investigate their offering.

Parents/Care Givers are responsible for arranging their own damage or theft insurance cover, if required or desired, for their laptops. The school and staff are not responsible for the safety or security of student's equipment.

Can I bring an iPad or Android Tablet or use a Mobile phone?

No. These devices do not meet the minimum requirements and are not permitted under the BYOD programme.

Students' mobile phones are required to be "off and away, all day" as per the Department's Policy on student use of mobile phones. In line with Department of Education policies mobile phones are required to be "off and away all day". As such, "hot spotting" from the BYOD laptop to the internet via a student's mobile phone is not permitted.

Can I charge my BYOD laptop at school?

Students are expected to have their device fully charged before coming school, and the device (as per minimum expected) is expected to last all day at school. If their device goes flat, students **will not** be able to charge it at school or use it that day.

Where do I store my laptop at recess and lunchtime?

Students will need to carry their device with them during the day, including recess and lunchtime.

Will my computer access be monitored?

While connected to the school network (including the internet) and/or in use at school, students are required to comply with the schools and the Department of Education's BYOD and ICT policies. Computers, network and internet use may be monitored by the school or Department of Education, and filtering of internet traffic does occur.

When used at home, the school and the Department do not (and cannot) monitor devices and internet use. Parents and caregivers are responsible for their child's computer use outside the school network/site.