

YEAR 7 - 9
COMPULSORY
Standard Laptop

YEAR 10-12
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Standard Laptop

or

Subject Suitable/Specialist
Laptop

*All students, regardless of device will have
access to the school Wi-Fi & filtered
network/internet*

Further Questions?

Send us an email at byod@balmoralshs.eq.edu.au

Installing Microsoft Office (at Home)

All EQ students are eligible to install Microsoft Office for free on any device. You will need your school username and password before you begin. Detailed instructions at:

<https://learningplace.education.qld.gov.au/microsoft-office-software>

Printing from a WiFi connected BYO Device

Students can use the following link to print from their BYOD device:

<http://\eggbn2043005\app>

Accessing the BYODrive (at School)

Teachers often distribute files using the BYODrive. Open your preferred web browser and type in the following URL.:

<http://\eggbn2043002\byodrive>

Ensure that you save this URL to your favorites.



BYOD Device Specification



2020 BYOD Recommended Specifications

When purchasing a new device for school, follow our recommended specifications so your new device is compatible with our school environment & the EQ network.

If you already have a device but it does not meet these specifications, you can still bring it to school. Check the Other Devices section for more information.

Standard Laptop – SUITABLE YEARS 7-12

- Windows 10
- 10" or larger screen.
- 4 GB or more RAM (Memory)
- 128 GB SSD
- 8 hr Battery

Subject Suitable Laptop – SUITABLE YEARS 10-12

A Laptop for a senior student capable of running Digital Solutions, Visual Arts/Film & TV or Autodesk Graphics software at school and home;

- Windows 10 (some software, including Autodesk, only runs on windows computers)
- 10" or larger screen.
- 8 GB or more RAM (Memory)
- 256 GB SSD
- Intel i5 processor (or equivalent brand) or better.
- 8 hr Battery

Warranty & Accidental Damage Protection

Often laptops only come with 1-year "Return to manufacturer" warranty. We highly encourage you to purchase a **3 Year "Next day on-site" warranty**. This lets our IT Support staff log warranty jobs on your behalf, which are then repaired on-site at the school.

We also encourage you to consider purchasing 3 Year **Accidental Damage Protection (ADP)**. The best value for money ADP cover Liquid damage and do not charge an excess for your first claim. You can be confident that a device with 3 Year warranty + ADP will last your student 3 years of school usage.

Accessories

Laptop Case or Bag (Backpack Style)

We highly recommend always keeping your device in a case when it is not being used.

Hard cases (Often called "EVA Cases") offer the best protection against drops and backpack water spills.

Mouse (Laptop)

Consider bringing a mouse to school as an alternative to a laptop touchpad.

Software

- Fully updated version of Windows
- Up to date Microsoft Defender or 3rd party anti-virus software.
- Microsoft Office 365 is free to download for students via The Learning Place
- Adobe CC and subject specific software is available to be installed by the IT Support Team

Technical Support

Technical Support is available to all students during first and second break in **E04**. We can help diagnose software and hardware issues, as well as answer any questions. We can also log warranty/ADP claims on your behalf if you purchase from the Parent Portals.

Other Devices

Students can bring in devices they already own even if they do not meet the recommended specifications.

Check the following list for details on how they will perform in the school environment:

Apple Laptop (OS X) / Linux Laptop

These devices are suitable for web research and word processing, but cannot run some Windows only software. Apples are incompatible with some Specialist Subject Software. Apple/Linux devices have some minor network compatibility issues.

Unsuitable Devices

We do not recommend bringing the following devices into the school as they are known to be incompatible with the EQ network;

- Google Chromebooks - require Google Drive/Docs which is blocked by EQ Policy.
- Tablet based devices including Apple and Microsoft Surface– some software will not install on tabled devices