

BALMORAL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

BYOD POLICY

Selecting a device for school

Do not purchase a Chromebook as they are not compatible with the EQ Network.
Do not purchase a device without 5ghz Wi-Fi often called "Dual Band Wi-Fi"

Device Requirements

The best way to purchase a laptop is to shop around your local retailers and take advantage of sales. To make sure your device is suitable for the school please ask your retailer the following questions:

Can it connect to the school network?

Devices must be compatible with a **5Ghz Wi-Fi** Network, often called "**Dual Band Wi-Fi**"

We recommend **Windows 10** devices over Apple devices at our school.

Never buy a Chromebook as they are not compatible with our school network.

If in doubt, ask your retailer "Does this device run Windows 10 and will this device connect to five Gigahertz Wi-Fi?"

Will it last the whole school day?

Battery life can vary depending on usage and batteries degrade over time.

We recommend an advertised battery life of 8 hours.

If in doubt, ask your retailer "Will this device last an entire school day, even after three years of use?"

Is it fast enough to be useful?

Our experience shows the two main indicators of BYOD performance is the number of CPU threads and SSD storage.

Never buy a device with a Mechanical HDD, always choose a device with at least a **128gb Solid State Drive (SSD)**.

Always buy a device with 4 or more CPU threads. in doubt, ask your retailer "Is the storage drive a 128 Gigabyte or larger solid-state drive and does this device have four or more CPU threads?"

If it Breaks, can it be Fixed?

Technology fails and accidents happen. Choose a device with more repair options to:

- Save money by repairing instead of replacing
- Reduce stress when accidents occur

We recommend choosing a 3 year Warranty and \$0 excess Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) with your device.

Or, choose a device which can be repaired by your local repair shop if it breaks

If in doubt, ask your retailer "What repair options do I have for this device if it breaks?"

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Minimum Specs Rundown

Windows 10
5ghz Wi-Fi (often called “Dual Band”)
8 hours Battery Life
4 thread CPU
128GB SSD Storage
4GB RAM

Other Devices

Chromebooks are not suitable for the school network.
Tablets like Android or iPads are not recommended.

Required Software

You **don't** need to purchase any optional software (e.g. Microsoft Office) with your device.

We **don't** recommend purchasing Trend Micro or McAfee anti-virus as they often have issues on school network.

Once you have your school username and password, you can access software downloads for **Microsoft Office, Adobe** and other software from our student intranet:

<https://qedu.sharepoint.com/sites/2043/student>

Questions

Please get in contact with us at byod@balmoralshs.eq.edu.au