

## Laptops

### What are my options?

Please read these details carefully before making a decision.

All students require access to a laptop and students have the option to borrow a device from the library, purchase a new one or bring their own. Please note that if you indicate you would like to purchase or bring your own device, but change your mind, you can still access the library laptop option at any time.

#### 1. Purchase

- Parents may purchase a laptop from our preferred supplier 'Learning With Technologies' through an online portal. You are not obligated to purchase from this company.
- The 3 laptops offered meet all the requirements that students will need for school use including options for insurance, warranty (return to base or onsite repairs at school) and accessories.
- Laptop delivery is guaranteed for mid January 2024.
- Laptops purchased through this site are sent directly to the school ready for students to start the school year.

#### 2. Borrow and return a laptop from the library each day

- The student receives the same computer each day which they collect from the library before school and return to the library after school between 3:30 and 3:45. This may not be a new computer.
- Installation of all appropriate software. No other software or music allowed.
- Access to school IT support staff for routine maintenance and problem solving.
- Warranty is arranged by the school.
- Insurance for accidental breakage organised by school (Family pays any excess).

#### 3. Bring your own laptop (BYOD)

##### Please contact the IT Manager prior to making this choice

Students bring their own laptop to school

Laptops must be:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum Screen Size of 13.3"</li><li>• Core I3 Gen 10 Processor</li><li>• 8GB RAM</li><li>• Operating System - Windows Professional 10 64Bit</li><li>• 256GB SSD Hard drive</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7 Hour Battery</li><li>• 1 RJ45 Ethernet Port</li><li>• 802.11a/b/g/n wireless LAN</li><li>• Be less than 4 years old</li></ul> |
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In addition to the above please note that:

- IT staff can offer support but cannot help with hardware or virus issues.
- Repairs and warranty issues will need to be arranged and completed by the family (**3 year onsite is required**)
- Laptops **are required** to be insured by the family.
- **Once a BYOD device no longer fills the required specifications or is more than 4 years old it will no longer be able to be used.**

##### Apple Mac devices

Families can elect to use an Apple / Mac device at school but please be aware that there are limitations to their use within the college. These include:

- Limited printing options.
- Not all software used at Ararat College is supported for MAC users.
- Very limited MAC ICT support from Ararat College.

We strongly recommend that families contact our I.T. Manager before making a decision to use a MAC device, especially if you are looking to purchase one for school use.

