

Device Specifications

These recommended specifications are set with 2-3 years of use, and senior subjects, in mind.

- Windows 10 Operating System (For software, please see the Office 365 note at the bottom of the page.)
- Touchscreen and stylus
- Screen size of at least 11 inches. Please note 12 inches is preferred for senior Digital Technologies.
- 4 GB RAM
- 128GB+ SSD
- 5GHz Wireless capability. 802.11ac or ax standard and 2x2
- Battery life 7+ hours
- Keyboard
- Light enough to be carried around throughout the day
- Protective case/bag/cover – or ensure the device is sturdy enough for school use
- USB port; video output such as HDMI, Mini Display Port or VGA; audio output
- Camera and sound recording capability
- A set of headphones
- Warranty – faults must be fixed quickly, and a temporary replacement service is desirable
- Insurance (We strongly recommend that you take out specific insurance on the device. Our partner, Cyclone, offers a no excess policy. The school is not responsible for damage or loss of the device.)

Staff have undertaken professional development to use the capabilities of the recommended devices in our classrooms. Students whose choices do not meet our device specifications may be disadvantaged in some tasks.

We are aware that some students already have a device that they were using at their previous school. **Please note that Chromebooks and iPads do not meet our device specifications.** Unfortunately, they do not allow students to properly utilise Office 365 or other software used at Christchurch Boys' High School.

If you have an existing Windows device with at least a 10" screen and 64GB of storage, this may be adequate for Year 9, but some activities may not be possible or be more difficult. An upgrade for senior classes would be essential. If you would like to discuss the device specifications, please email enquiries@staff.cbhs.school.nz

MacBooks

MacBooks can be used but the school does not support them. If a student chooses to use a MacBook computer, it is their responsibility to have all required software installed and working in Week 1 of Term 1. This may involve a cost to the student, particularly if they are taking Senior Digital Technology or Statistics. Students will need to be extremely familiar with their MacBook in order to use them effectively in the classroom.

N.B MacBooks do not support touch or stylus use, which may impact on the ability to complete tasks in some subjects.

Office 365 ProPlus

All current students at Christchurch Boys' High School are able to download free subscription copies of Microsoft Office Pro Plus. This includes full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook. Students can install the software on up to five personally-owned PCs/Macs and up to five mobile devices, including iOS and Android devices. The software has the same features and functions as other versions of Office and can be used offline. However, students must connect to the Internet once every 30 days to verify they are still eligible for the programme. New students to Christchurch Boys' High School will undertake an induction programme whereby they will be shown the process to download and install Office 365.