

# BYOD Devices at CBHS

## Device Specifications

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

- Windows 10/11 Operating System (Do not buy an **MS Office** licence - see the Office 365 note at the bottom of the page.)
- Touchscreen and stylus
- Screen size of at least 11 inches
- 8GB RAM minimum
- 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 and 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
- 3-Year Warranty is strongly recommended but check cost, and a temporary replacement service is also desirable
- Insurance (We recommend that you take out specific insurance on the device but check terms, cost, and excess. 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 devices that they were using at their previous schools. **Please note that Chromebooks and iPads do not meet our device specifications.** Unfortunately, they do not allow students to properly utilise Microsoft 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 and under 8GB of RAM, this may be adequate for Year 9, but some activities may not be possible or may be more difficult. An upgrade for senior classes would be essential. If you would like to discuss the device specifications, please email [enquiries@cbhs.nz](mailto:enquiries@cbhs.nz)

**When you have purchased a device, please ensure that your son can log into the device before he brings it to school to have it setup.**

## 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. Students will need to be extremely familiar with their MacBook to use them effectively in the classroom. Office for Mac does not allow the same options as the Windows version.

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

in some subjects.

### [Microsoft 365 Pro Plus / Office 365](#)

All current students at Christchurch Boys' High School can download free subscription copies of Microsoft 365 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 Microsoft 365 / Office 365.