CRANBOURNE EAST
SECONDARY COLLEGE

2025 Laptop Program

At Cranbourne East Secondary College. Elements of digital learning have been included in all areas of the curriculum. In each year of schooling, the students develop essential digital technology skills that are so important in the 21st century. Therefor, a laptop device will form an integral part of a students learning at school and will be used in every subject.

When students have their own laptops they can set up folders to save their documents and set up the software that meets their needs. There is a great benefit in being able to continue working on the one device at school and at home; there is less change that work will be lost or saved on another device.

In a situation that a student does not have a laptop, they may be able to borrow a device from the school when they are available. Please note, this borrowing system proritises essential learning and assessment activities therefore this may not always be possible at times due to high demand, or during certain situations, (eg. Periods of online testing)

Parents/carers can buy the student laptops according to their own preferences and price, but we ask that you check that it meets the **minimum specifications recommended by the College** (please see our BYO Device Guide). The College also advises that parents/carers purchase a computer carry case with the laptop so to protect the device as it is carried around the College and during transit to and from school. It is highly recommended that the laptop should also be insured for accidental loss or damage.

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BYO Device Guide 2025

The following is a guide on what sort of device would be preferable for use at the school. Please be aware, there is a minimum specification that the device must satisfy to be used at the school. As long as the device meets this standard, and you are aware of what considerations there are when using your own device at the school, it should be fine for use.

Things to consider when purchasing a new device, or using one you already own.

Age: The device should be contemporary. Anything incapable of meeting the specifications outlined below should be avoided.

Hardware specification:

- 8GB recommended.
- WiFi capability is standard and expected on any device.
- 256GB+ SSD recommended.
- Touchscreens are recommended as they are designed to have their screens handled making them more resistant to damage. They are not indestructible, however.
- Windows 10 or newer

Operating System:

Windows 10 is the default and recommended Operating System at the school. The curriculum is built around the Windows eduSTAR software suite installed on the school's own devices, and the DEECD supplied Teacher's notebooks. This makes the Windows 10 experience standard across almost all devices at the school.

Apple Mac OSX is supported, but not recommended. There will be differences in the software behaviour and availability on OSX.

Google Chromebooks are **NOT** supported in any way. Do not buy a Chromebook.

Size: The device must be transported to/from school and secured in a locker. Something too large will be more awkward in some situations, and with size comes weight. We recommend devices between the 11.6 inch and 14 inch size classes.

Carry case: A case/bag specifically for the notebook is required. It will give the device some protection when being transported, including from weather elements.

Warranty: Consider that the device should last quite a while with normal use. If you intend to use the device for a few years, be aware that most standard warranties

usually last about a year. Extended warranties will add longevity to your purchase for any manufacturer defects/issues.

Insurance: While not compulsory, this is the highest recommendation we can make for whatever device you choose. As careful as you may be, accidents do happen, and the cost of insurance and excess per claim will definitely be cheaper than outright replacement from your pocket for any incidents. The cost of insurance is determined by the value of the device itself.
The school has previously used iBroker and Protect IT. They are quite reasonable, but you can choose any provider you like.

Software: No extra software of any sort will need to be purchased.

The default software load from the manufacturer (assuming Windows/OSX) will be sufficient. Windows 10 has built-in Antivirus, and is currently the standard in use by the Department of Education.
Office 365 will be available as a download at no cost as part of school enrolment, using their login details for the eduSTAR network.

Where to buy?

You are free to purchase your device from anywhere you like. The school has also preselected some devices through a couple of suppliers that would be acceptable for use in this program. A benefit purchasing from these suppliers, is that they come on-site for any warranty or insurance (if optioned) jobs.

Edunet Order Portal

Accessed at the following URL: https://cesc.technologyportal.com.au
Access Code: **cescbyod**

- All devices have 3 year warranty as standard.
- Insurance available (Recommended).
- 3rd Party Finance available.

LWT Order Portal

Accessed at the following URL: http://cesc.orderportal.com.au

- All devices have 3 year warranty as standard.
- Insurance available (Recommended).
- 3rd Party Finance available.

Local Retail

Feel free to use any retailer that you choose to purchase your devices if the LWT units are not what you want. EG. JB HiFi, GoodGuys, Harvey Norman, various computer/technology stores.

Questions

For any questions you may have regarding this program, please email the school at cranbourne.east.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au with “Computer BYOD” in the subject line. We will answer your questions as quickly as possible