Learning Technology Program

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD - MacBook)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Magdalene Catholic High School is a technology rich school, which integrates technology into all aspects of learning and teaching. We believe that students at Magdalene should be equipped to deal with the digital world in which they live. Technology is a powerful tool for collaboration, active participation, critical thinking, innovation and discovery it allows students to personalise their learning to suit their individual needs, abilities and interests.

Magdalene operates a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) 1:1 Laptop program for years 7 - 12, this program requires every student to supply his or her own Apple Laptop.

The decision on the best option and size of laptop purchased needs to be made by you the parents/carers, as you will have ownership and control of the MacBook. For more information visit the school’s BYOD website: http://bitly.com/mchsmacbooks

IMPORTANT:
- The school strongly recommends a MacBook with Flash Storage (solid state hard drive), this type of hard drive has no moving parts and uses flash memory, which is much faster and is significantly more reliable.
- Please ensure that you purchase the MacBook under the educational pricing structure or purchase the AppleCare Protection plan to extend the warranty to 3 years.
- The BYOD MacBook program is a compulsory condition of enrolment at Magdalene Catholic High School.

Minimum Equipment Requirements – New purchase
- The Apple 13 inch MacBook Air (13-inch: 1.6GHz Processor – 256GB preferable)
- Portable USB Hard Drive minimum size 500GB (for backing up)
- A hard sided sturdy carry case is highly recommended, soft sleeve cases, neoprene jackets are thin and do not provide any protection if the MacBook is dropped.

The link below lists the pricing structure for the different Apple MacBook models currently available on the Apple online store.

http://store.apple.com/au/mac/compare
Options Available:

**Option 1: Use own MacBook**
If you already own an Apple MacBook and your child would like to use this device for their learning at Magdalene, simply take the computer to the IT office to have the school software and Wi-Fi settings installed.

**Option 2: Self Funded**
Purchase a new Apple MacBook model, hard-drive and carry case from any commercial retailer. Please be aware that the standard warranty is limited to only 12 months unless the AppleCare Protection plan is purchased this will extend the warranty to a full three years (36 months).

*AppleCare is NOT insurance. The AppleCare Protection Plan provides expert telephone technical support and additional hardware service options from Apple.*

**Option 3: Educational Purchase (best option if purchasing a new MacBook)**
Purchase a MacBook through an Apple Retail store. There are several Apple Retail stores in Sydney that offer special educational packages for students that come with a three-year manufacturers warranty.

**IMPORTANT:**
DO NOT Purchase the coloured 12 inch MacBook” model, this has only one port and makes accessing and charging difficult. The machine also uses and older chip set and is not as fast as the MacBook Air models.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me on the phone number listed above or email me; danny.avalos@dow.catholic.edu.au

Yours faithfully

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