

1:1 Digital Device Program



Frequently Asked Questions (Years 5 - 8)

What is the 1:1 Digital Device Program?

The **1:1 Digital Device Program** is designed to enable students with the benefits of developmentally appropriate technology for learning. Digital Devices have proven to be highly valuable tools for enabling flexibility and collaboration for learning, as well as growing healthy digital citizenship values in students.

How it works:

1. All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will have use of a school-owned device and will be taught digital literacy skills from the beginning of their educational journey. This device will remain secured overnight at school and is intended for school use only.
2. All students from Years 5 - 8 will be provided with a secure, portable Chromebook device. This device can be used both at school and at home, and will be purchased by families through the 'Digital Device Levy'.
3. We recognise that students from Years 9 - 12 require flexible, technological options to suit the learning needs of each individual. Families can choose a suitable device from the specification list provided, which allows affordable and varied options for each student's needs.

Is participation in the 1:1 Digital Device Program compulsory?

Yes, we will require all students from Years 5 - 12 to access daily a personal device while at school. From 2021, all students in Years 5-8 will be issued a Chromebook Device which will be purchased by families through the 'Digital Device Levy'.

What is the 'Digital Device Levy'?

The Digital Device Levy is applied to the school fees of students in Years 5-8. This levy covers the purchase of a Lenevo 14e Chromebook device, with a 2 year premium care and onsite upgrade warranty. These devices will be pre-configured with Google Educational Suite and Securely, the internet filtering system used by the College. The Digital Device Levy is payment of \$476 which will be added to your child's school fee account and will be paid over two years. Billing will occur quarterly.

Will students own their Chromebook Device?

At the end of the two year period all devices will be unenrolled from the College's administration and filtering policies and owned outright by the family.

*Please note: At the end of the two year period, families may elect to sell their used Chromebooks back to the College, provided they are in good working condition. The College will purchase these devices for \$70 and will credit this amount to school fees.

Why Chromebooks for Years 5-8?

Chromebooks are a cost effective and safe device made for learning and provide a seamless experience in accessing the Google Educational Suite. Chromebooks can be managed securely through the College filtering system, with an advertised battery life of up to 10 hours. They are an ideal device for all day learning that will build digital citizenship qualities into our younger students.

When does my child get their Chromebook?

Students will be issued their Chromebooks on the first day of school next year. Devices will come home fully configured. Students will only need to enter their school login details to activate their Chromebook. If you do not wish for your child to travel home with a boxed Chromebook, you will need to pick them up on the first day of school.

Why will the Chromebook devices be replaced every 2 years?

We know learning technology evolves quickly. To ensure our students receive the best educational experience, all Chromebooks will be replaced every 2 years.

**Please note: At the end of the two year period, families may elect to sell their used Chromebooks back to College provided they are in good working condition. The College will purchase these devices for \$70 and will credit this amount to school fees.*

Are Chromebook devices covered by a warranty?

All Chromebooks will come with a 2 year warranty which covers all manufacturer faults. This warranty does not cover physical and accidental damage and any devices that are damaged outside the warranty provisions will need to be replaced and will incur a replacement cost.

Will my child be able to charge their device at school?

Students are expected to bring devices to school fully charged and ready for learning each day. As part of the goal of becoming excellent digital citizens, each student will be required to cultivate the habit of ensuring their devices are ready to go in the morning, often meaning an overnight charge.

Will my child's learning be solely completed on a device?

No, all digital devices will be used to enhance learning and will not replace effective, traditional teaching and learning practices.

What about the physical safety of the device at school?

It is strongly encouraged that parent's purchase a robust protective cover for their child's device to guard against damage from everyday wear and tear.

The warranty provided by the College does not cover physical and accidental damage. Any devices that are damaged outside the manufacturer warranty provisions will need to be replaced, this will incur a replacement cost.

Where damage is a result of mistreatment by another student, the College will deal with this situation in line with the Student Behavior Management Policy. However, this may not include the replacement of the device.

Can my child bring a mouse and accessories for their device?

Yes. Accessories that support learning are appropriate. Bluetooth earbuds will only be used for applicable tasks and students will be asked to remove these outside computer use times.

Can my child bring their own headphones?

Yes. All students from Year 5 - Year 12 are required to source personal headphones. Please note, as above, bluetooth earbuds will only be used for applicable tasks and students will be asked to remove these outside computer use times.

What software is required to be purchased?

All Chromebook devices will be preconfigured with the Google Educational Suite and Securely, a internet filtering system used by the College. No further software is required.

What security filtering software will be used at school?

All devices that have been given access to the College network will be filtered by Securly, an internet filtering and content system. Securely keeps students safe whilst online through a cloud based web filter and AI-based scannings of email, Docs and Drive. This filtering system gives the College's IT Department visibility into our Students' online activity, sending notifications for signs of cyberbullying, suicide or nudity in images and any inappropriate activity.

How can I ensure my child is safe online when they bring their device home?

The College encourages parents to take an active role in monitoring their child's device. All Chromebook devices will remain on the College's filtering network, even when at home until it is unenrolled at the end of the two year period.

What are my next steps?

- 1. Read the **1:1 Digital Device Program Policy** and **Digital Citizenship Contract**.*
- 2. Sign and return your Digital Citizenship Contract to the Front Office.*
- 3. Once your Digital Citizenship Contract is received, your child will be issued their Chromebook on the first day of school.*
- 4. Chromebooks will come home pre-configured and ready to go, students' will only need to enter their school login details to activate their device.*