



Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) Program for Years 7 to 12, 2025

Dear parents/carers,

To better prepare our students to be lifelong learners, underpinned by mastering 21st-century skills, Lucas Heights Community School utilises a successful **Bring-Your-Own-Device (BYOD) program** across all high school courses. This initiative introduces a vast array of rich resources and individualised learning opportunities for our students. It will complement (and NOT replace) existing work that requires pen-and-paper completion.

Presently, faculties in the high school utilise a range of learning management systems, such as Google Suite for Education (Google Classroom, Docs, etc.), Microsoft 365 (OneNote, Sharepoint, Teams, etc.), Edrolo, Atomi, etc. These systems allow us to convey resources and tasks to classes efficiently. [Having 1:1 student access to personal devices in all lessons, LHCS can harness these systems to their full capabilities and maximise the endless learning opportunities these platforms deliver.](#)

To strengthen our students' sense of ownership and responsibility, LHCS requires students to **bring a device they own**, not the school's. This will give students a deeper sense of personal care toward computing devices.

The school's ICT Committee has devised a set of **minimum standards for device specifications** to facilitate learning activities required by most courses. Students who elect to study subjects involving digital media and/or computer programming will require higher processing capabilities. This information will be made available during subject selection.

We understand many students will already have access to devices that can handle the requirements of learning activities. In this instance, there is no need to purchase another device.

For those needing to procure a device, the school has partnered with JB Hi-Fi's Education Portal to offer competitive deals on robust *laptop* devices that meet minimum standards ([see overleaf](#)). These devices will also come with access to an over-the-phone helpdesk, information on the portal, and a warranty that covers repairs for accidental damage and loss/theft.

As with any possession students bring to school, BYODs will be subject to the school's well-being policy to ensure they are used responsibly and safely. As with all personal items, students must take responsibility for the security and protection of their devices. **The school and NSW Department of Education do not take responsibility for the loss and damage of devices.**

Please see the LHCS Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure on our school webpage for more information.

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Adams
Principal LHCS

Recommended Specifications for laptops at LHCS

Form	<p>Windows Laptop—<u>Chrome books are NOT recommended.</u> A laptop with a Camera is recommended. Student devices usually lose charge during the day, so a power cord is recommended.</p> <p>Note: Consider purchasing a light and portable device.</p> <p>Also, consider the needs and interests of your child. If they are interested in IST, a laptop with enough memory and processor speed (CPU minimum i5) may be required to support the programs.</p>
Operating system	Microsoft Windows 10 or newer
Wireless capability	<p>802.11n 5Ghz</p> <p>This may be advertised as “dual band” wireless or 802.11abgn. The DOE’s wireless network installed in high schools only operates on the 802.11n 5Ghz standard. Devices that do not meet this standard <u>may be unable</u> to connect to the DOE’s wireless network. In some cases, a dongle may be purchased to allow the device to connect. This cannot be guaranteed, though.</p>
Storage capacity	Minimum of 256GB
RAM	Minimum of 8GB
Battery life	Minimum of 6 hours
Accessories	A protective case/cover with padding is preferred. A mouse is recommended.
Software	<p>DOE has negotiated with Microsoft and Adobe to provide students with both software pieces for FREE.</p> <p>Both pieces of software require students to sign in with their DOE username and password. Some software will need to be downloaded or installed.</p> <p>Microsoft Office 365 link: https://www.office.com/?auth=2</p> <p>Adobe Express is available as a free resource on the students' portal.</p> <p>Canva is a free resource in the students' portal.</p> <p><i>Note: New software may become available throughout the year, requiring parent permission before use.</i></p>

JB HIFI Parent Portal

JB Hi-Fi BYOD Online portal provides a dedicated customer service team for parents, available 6 days a week. Monday – Wednesday, 9 am – 6 pm; Thursday – Friday, 9 am – 8 pm and Saturday, 9 am – noon (AEDT).

Website: <https://byod.jbhifi.education/>

Warranty Claims: productcare.jbeducation.com.au

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