



# Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham

## Recommended Laptops

Students are required to purchase and bring their own laptop and bring it to School every day. The laptops listed below are recommended for students. The laptops below will also meet the requirements for the online NAPLAN and HSC Minimum Standards Testing.

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Android based laptops, such as Chromebooks, will not work on the School network. Please do not purchase or bring one to School.

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### WINDOWS LAPTOP / ULTRA BOOK / MICROSOFT SURFACE PRO - \$500 to \$2500

Laptops running Windows 10 work best with the School network.



#### Strengths

- Very compatible with the School network. Will run more software compared to other operating systems.

#### Weakness

- Lower end models can be heavy.

Try to avoid buying a lower end Windows laptop, they are generally heavier and have poor battery life. All new laptops will run Windows 10, which is the School's preferred operating system.

### MACBOOK PRO OR MACBOOK AIR - \$1250 to \$2500



#### Strengths

- Laptop with a lightweight and portable shape that is compatible with most file types.

#### Weakness

- Less compatible with the School network.

MacBooks are laptops that run Apple's own operating system. They provide good battery life, and are lightweight.



## HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS

Your son's laptop must meet all of the following requirements:

Form Factor	Laptops only. 'Tablet' style devices, such as iPads, do not meet School requirements.
Physical Dimensions	Minimum Screen Size: 9.7" Maximum Screen Size: 14"
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10 is the School's preferred option. Apple OSX 10.9 or newer will also work on the School network.  Android-based laptops, such as Chromebooks, <b>will not work</b> on the School network.
Wireless Compatibility	Your son's laptop must have 5GHz 802.11 wireless support. This may be advertised as "Dual Band Wireless", "802.11abgn", "802.11agn", "802.11ac" or "Gigabit Wireless"  Laptops marketed as "802.11bgn" will most likely <b>not work</b> at School.
Battery Life	Battery life of at least six hours. Students are not able to charge their laptop at School.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Recommendations	Maximum weight – 2kg Minimum RAM – 4GB Disk configuration – Solid State Disk (SSD)
Insurance	The School recommends that you invest in accidental loss and breakage insurance.
Web browser	The School prefers that students use Google Chrome.
Productivity Suite	<b>Google Apps for Education</b> are free and access is provided by the School. Students will be issued with School based Google login details upon their commencement. <b>Microsoft Office 365</b> is free for students and can be downloaded using your School email address to validate the installation from the Microsoft 365 site.
Anti-Virus	Anti-virus software should not be running on your son's laptop when at School. The School runs extensive firewall, anti-spam and anti-virus software and hardware that will protect your son's laptop when on the School network. This protection will clash with anti-virus software running on your son's laptop.