Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

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Different school subjects In a typical day a student might type an English assignment, jot down history notes, figure out maths equations, video a science experiment and record a speech. They need a device that lets them work effectively in every subject area	**10" (minimum) screen and keyboard. Optional: touchscreen** • A minimum of a 10" screen — larger for creative or technical work • A touchscreen for browsing and writing class notes if preferred • A keyboard for typing assignments
Creativity, innovation and composition Students need to be able to create, construct knowledge and collaborative on their devices. This means they should be able to install apps and or full software applications	**Runs both apps and programs** • Able to run programs such as *Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop or AutoCad*** • Able to install apps as needed during school time
Working from different places Students need to connect to the school wireless network and home internet	**Dual Band Wi-Fi Access** • Make sure it has 2.4Ghz or 5Ghz dual band wireless to access the school network
The school bag Keep it light on their back	**Lightweight** • Aim for under 1.5Kg
6-hour days No one wants to run out of battery half-way through the school day	**6-hour battery life minimum** • Make sure it lasts a 6-hour school day • Look for a modern processor to help stretch battery life further
File swapping You can email small files, but not video projects and large images. Plus students may be able to connect their device to sensors, probes, thermometers and more for Science and Technology	**USB ports** • Ability to connect digital peripherals, such as a microscope, a printer, graphics tablet, a musical keyboard, thermometer, light metre, etc
Lots of different software Make sure the device can run demanding programs for music, design, science and technology classes	**High performance** • Look for, Intel Core™ i3, Core™ i5 and Core™ i7 in Windows machines and Apple products that are within the last two versions

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Note-taking and brainstorming Students may prefer to making notes, sketch, write maths equations, science formulae and foreign languages with a pen	**Pen** • High fidelity digitised pen with active screen assists with notetaking, sketching, writing maths and science equations - this is a great feature but considerably more expensive so is desirable but not necessarily recommended
Rough and tumble Your child will probably drop the device and may spill things on it, so it needs to be tough and protected	**Durable for everyday school use** • Purchase a protective case • Look for solid state drives
Lots of files, videos, music and more Students need plenty of room for applications and their own files	**Storage** • At least 128GB of storage in laptops, ultrabooks and two-in-ones • At least 32GB of storage in tablets is recommended

*The Department of Education provides access to **Adobe Creative Cloud** applications and **Microsoft Office 365** at no cost to students.

The Adobe Suite and Microsoft 365 apps are currently available for download by students through their DoE student portal. Students can contact the Technology Support Officer at school for further support downloading this software.

Students' decisions to use either a laptop, chromebook or tablet will not affect their engagement with learning and teaching.