



2024V2 BYOD – Minimum Device Specification Requirements

We have vendors who offer our parents robust, educational grade laptops and accessories at a great price listed on our website:

<https://pallarass.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device/3-laptop-selection>

We only use Windows devices for BYOD At Pallara State School

The following devices will not be accepted as a BYO Device:

- NO IPADS ✗
- NO APPLE MACS ✗
- NO CHROMEBOOKS ✗
- NO ANDROIDS TABLETS ✗
- DO NOT BUY MICROSOFT OFFICE ✗ (This comes free for Education Qld students)
- DO NOT BUY ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE OR SUBSCRIPTIONS (Often paid for Anti-Virus can cause issues with our network and is not recommended)

LAPTOP MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS:

- **WINDOWS 10 or WINDOWS 11 Devices ONLY (Windows 8 and below are not supported)**
- **Touch screen**
- **Attached physical keyboard (for example, not a Surface tablet)**
- 11" - 15" for ease of use in school (no smaller & please consider the weight for your child when choosing bigger screens)
- Solid State Hard Drive (SSD) – 128 Gb minimum
- 4GB RAM minimum (**8GB highly recommended**)
- CPU: Celeron/N100 (for Year 1-3), Pentium/N200, i3, Ryzen 3 (Middle & Senior grades)
- Device **must** support Dual Band 802.11 ac WiFi
- 6+ hour battery life
- Cordless mouse & 'over the head' type headphones

PROTECTIVE CASE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Case size should match screen size of laptop (or close as possible) – Snug and safe – Like a bike helmet
- Hard shell or cases with rigid corners are recommended minimising damage in the event of a drop
- Zipper
- THULE, Targus, 'GRID' by Targus (recommended choices). GRID cases are Mil-Spec – 4ft drop safe
- Handles/shoulder straps recommended
- Ridged corners help minimise the chance of a broken screen. This is the most likely cause of damage to student devices.