

# William Ross State High School

## 2026 Bring Your Own Device (BYOx) Program

### Rationale

Schools are now educating a generation of students who are growing up in a digital world. As the use of ICT continues to grow globally, students will increasingly demand an education that embraces ICT.

In Queensland state schools, a range of information and communication technologies (ICT) are used to support student learning.

There are a number of key drivers to consider:

- Learning—improving teaching and learning outcomes for our students
- Community—meeting the needs and expectations of the school community
- Technology—ensuring a safe, reliable and effective digital experience.

### Implementation of BYOx

In 2026 it is expected that all students in Years 7 and 11 bring a laptop to school each day that they are responsible for and can utilise for learning across their classes.

While there will be IT Support on site at the school, students will be expected to take reasonable care of their device and follow the school's BYOx policy and procedure and the school's Student Code of Conduct.

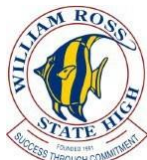
Families who are facing financial hardship will be able to make arrangements through the school to access a device. Please contact the main office for further information.

### ICTs across the curriculum

Information and communication technologies (ICT) are an important part of contemporary schooling. The Australian Curriculum includes ICTs as a general capability across all learning areas, as well as Digital Technologies as a specific learning area.

### Resources:

- Australian Curriculum (ACARA)
- William Ross State High School Student Code of Conduct 2024 - 2026
- *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)*
- Use of ICT systems procedure; Version number 1.4 (*Queensland Government – Department of Education*)
- Student use of mobile devices procedure; Version number 1.1 (*Queensland Government – Department of Education*)



## Minimum Specifications

William Ross SHS will continue to offer all our students the opportunity to use a personally owned and approved (BYOx) laptop at school to support their learning. BYOx laptops provide a seamless transition between home and school; enabling your child to focus on their learning whilst also developing their 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills set.

### Minimum Specifications for BYOx devices:

Component	Minimum specifications
Operating system	Windows 11 or Apple MAC equivalent
Processor	i5 ( <i>recommended</i> ) or AMD equivalent
Hard drive	256GB SSD
Screen size	13" ( <i>recommended</i> )
Ports	USB x 2. and a Headphone jack 3.5mm x 1
Wi-Fi	Dual band (2.4Ghz and 5Ghz)
Battery life	5 hours
Carry case	Strong and water resistant
Software	Microsoft Office (including Edge, Word and Outlook)
"	Download for FREE from: <a href="https://portal.office.com">https://portal.office.com</a>
"	Antivirus software ( <i>Norton's, McAfee, Defender etc</i> )
Insurance	Device should be included on your household insurance, and the policy should offer accidental damage and theft protection.
Device	Minimum specifications
iPad	IOS 17
Storage	64 GB Minimum
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For more information or support, please contact our IT team directly via email: [IThelp@williamrossshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:IThelp@williamrossshs.eq.edu.au)

**\*\* Note the following:** personally owned devices are not covered or protected by the school's insurance policies.

The school's ICT infrastructure is Microsoft Windows based. Windows XP (superseded), Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 and Linux Operating Systems are either not supported or compatible with our IT network. In addition, Google Chrome Books and Android devices are incompatible and will not be accepted or approved as a BYOx device. \*\*

### More information for parents and carers:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/school-information/student-ict-device-programs>