



# William Ross State High School

## 2025 Bring Your Own Device (BYOx) Program

### Implementation of BYOx

In 2025 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.

### 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.

### 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 student to focus on their learning whilst also developing their 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills set.

### Minimum Specifications for BYOx devices:

Component	Minimum specifications
<b>Operating system</b>	Windows 11 or Apple MAC equivalent
<b>Processor</b>	i3 ( <i>minimum</i> ) i5 ( <i>recommended</i> ) or AMD equivalent
<b>Hard drive</b>	256GB SSD
<b>Screen size</b>	13" ( <i>recommended</i> )
<b>Ports</b>	USB x 2. and a Headphone jack 3.5mm x 1
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Dual band (2.4Ghz and 5Ghz)
<b>Battery life</b>	5 hours
<b>Carry case</b>	Strong and water resistant
<b>Software</b>	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> )
<b>Insurance</b>	** Device should be included on your household insurance, and the policy should offer accidental damage and theft protection.

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: 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 10 (or prior versions) and Linux Operating Systems are either not supported or incompatible 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>



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## 2025 BYOx Application Form

This form must be signed and returned to the school office, before the device can be connected to the school network. Note both the parent/caregiver and student must have read the BYOx Policy and signed the application form.

In signing this form, I acknowledge that:

- The ***device must be insured by the family***. The school is not responsible or liable for any damages.
- I have read and understood the school's BYOx Policy and the Responsible Behaviour Plan.
- I agree to abide by the guidelines outlined by both documents.
- I am aware that non-compliance with school policies while using my BYOx device will result in relevant consequences.

<b>Student name:</b>	
<b>Year level:</b>	<b>School LOGIN:</b>
<b>Student's signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Parent/caregiver's name:</b>	
<b>Parent/caregiver signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b><u>LAPTOP DETAILS</u></b>	
<b>Type of Device (circle)</b>	Windows      Apple
<b>Brand / Make:</b> (E.G. Acer)	
<b>Anti-virus program:</b> (E.G. Norton's, McAfee etc)	
<b>Office-suite:</b> (E.G. Office 365 etc)	
<b>Insurance:</b> (Insurer & type of cover)	

Note that this BYOx application / agreement will be considered to continue as long as:

- the student is currently enrolled at the school
- the student meets the school's behavior and educational expectations
- the student complies with our BYOx Policy and the department's Acceptable Computer Use and Internet Access Policy

Also note that should the student acquire a new/replacement BYOx device, this BYOx Application Form **must be resubmitted**, providing the school with updated device details. Failure to do so, will result in the new device being unable to connect to the schools ICT infrastructure. Other consequences may also apply.

To participate in the 2025 BYOx Program, please sign & return this form to the school office, as soon as possible.