



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

BYOD @ Cronulla High School

A practical guide for families

How BYOD works at Cronulla High

Learning device

Students bring a personally owned laptop to school for learning across their subjects.

This device is used when directed by the teacher.

Setup support

Early in Term 1, staff help students connect to the department Wi-Fi and install school-provided software.

Administrator access

Students need the device administrator password during setup so staff can assist with software installation.

Before the first day

Please set up any new laptop at home, complete system updates and make sure your child knows the login password.

A suitable device

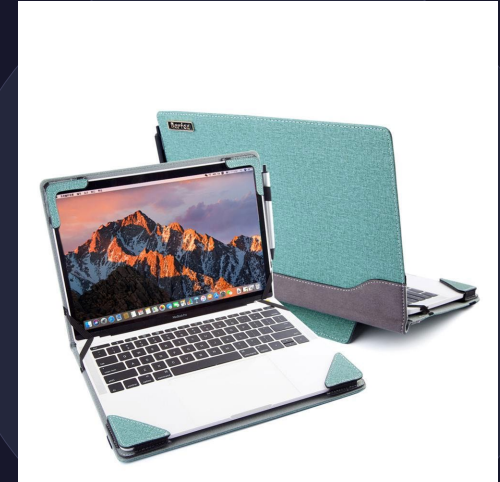
Windows laptop or MacBook

The device should connect to dual-band Wi-Fi, including a 5 GHz network, and have an 11 to 14 inch screen.

Chromebooks

Can connect to the school network, but cannot install the desktop versions of Adobe Creative Cloud.

Our strong recommendation is that you do not buy a Chromebook.



Portable, protected and ready for class

Specifications for a reliable school laptop

Minimum

Suitable now

256 GB solid-state drive (SSD)

16 GB RAM

Windows: Intel Core i5, AMD Ryzen 5 or

Snapdragon X

Mac: Apple M1

Recommended

Better longevity

512 GB SSD or greater

16 GB RAM or greater

Windows: recent Intel Core i5, AMD Ryzen 5/7 or

Snapdragon X Plus/Elite

Mac: Apple M2 or newer

Battery life matters. Students should arrive each day with a fully charged laptop.

What should families look for?

Set a budget

Prioritise RAM, SSD capacity and processor performance.

Check portability

Consider screen size and weight. Students carry the device throughout the day.

Mac or Windows

Either platform is suitable. A **MacBook is not a school requirement.**

Include your child

Their input matters because they will use and care for the laptop each day.

Compare prices

Education portals may offer discounts, but sale prices from other retailers can sometimes be lower.

Protecting the device



Include protection in the budget

Protective case

Choose a shock, impact-resistant case or sleeve.

School bag

Have backpack with a padded laptop compartment.

Daily routine

Charge the laptop overnight and keep food and drinks away from it.

Thursdays are laptop-free days.

Software and operating systems

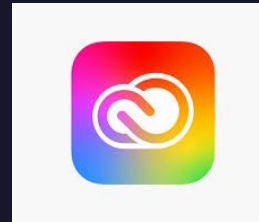
Windows

Windows 11, version 24H2 or later is required for NAPLAN 2027.



Mac

macOS 15 or later is required for NAPLAN 2027.



Students can install Microsoft 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud through the NSW Department of Education enterprise agreements.

When purchasing a new device – tell the sales-person that you are a DoE student and do not require to purchase software.

NAPLAN 2027 device readiness

In March 2027, Year 7 students will complete NAPLAN assessments at Cronulla High School.
Most students will use their BYOD laptop.

Windows requirement

Windows 11, version 24H2 or later

Mac requirement

macOS 15 or later

NAPLAN uses a locked-down browser.
The school will provide installation and testing instructions closer to the assessment dates.

[View the current ACARA device requirements](#)

Getting ready for setup week

Before school starts

Complete the initial Windows or macOS setup.

Install all available system updates.

Record the device login and administrator password safely.

Bring to school

Laptop in its protective case

Charging cable

Student's department username and password (if known)

At school

Connect to the department Wi-Fi.

Install Microsoft 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud.

Check that school services work correctly.

A limited number of older laptops may be available to rent for \$30 per term. Please contact the school to confirm availability.

Digital learning services included in school fees

Moodle

Cambridge HOTmaths

LiteracyPlanet

Edrolo

Education Perfect

App4 Software

Access arrangements may vary by
year group and subject.



Questions?

Visit the Bring Your Own Device page on the Cronulla High School website
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