



Choosing the right BYOD laptop

The essentials your child's device needs for learning at Birkdale South

THE QUICK RULE

Choose a Windows laptop with a touchscreen, attached keyboard and enough battery for the whole school day.

Minimum device requirements

Every laptop must meet all of these specifications.

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|  Windows 10 or Windows 11
Other operating systems are not supported. |  At least 4 GB RAM
More memory may improve longevity and performance. |
|  Touchscreen
Supports the way students access classroom learning. |  Suitable processor
Celeron: Years 1–3. Pentium, Intel i3 or Ryzen 3: middle and senior grades. |
|  Attached physical keyboard
A permanently attached keyboard is required. |  Dual-band 802.11ac Wi-Fi
Required to connect reliably to the school network. |
|  11–15 inch screen
11.6 inches suits Years 1–6; consider weight. 14 inches or less is recommended. |  6+ hour battery life
The laptop should last the full learning day. |
|  128 GB SSD storage
Solid State Drive; 128 GB minimum. |  Learning accessories
Cordless mouse and over-the-head headphones. |

Devices the school does not support

-  **Chromebooks**
-  Apple devices — Mac, MacBook or iPad
-  Android tablets
-  Microsoft Surface Laptop SE (Education version)
-  Tablets without a permanently attached keyboard

Not recommended

Screens larger than 14 inches • no touchscreen • no protective-case option



Buy, protect and prepare

A practical checklist for a device that can handle everyday school life

Four steps to join the program

1

Attend the parent information session

Understand the program and ask questions.

2

Complete the BYOD Charter

Agreement between the school and student about acceptable use.

3

Purchase a compatible laptop

Use the specifications on page 1 before purchasing.

4

Set up the laptop

Complete the required school setup before classroom use.

Choose a school-ready device

**EDUCATION
GRADE**

Education-grade laptops are recommended because they are generally more robust, with stronger construction, thicker bezels and longer warranty options.

Before buying, check:

- ✓ Sturdy build quality
- ✓ Comfortable size and weight
- ✓ Warranty length and service process
- ✓ Accidental damage or insurance cover

Protect it from day one

**CASE
CHECK**

A snug, drop-safe case is one of the most important purchases you can make.

- ✓ Match the laptop's screen size
- ✓ Choose a hard shell with rigid corners
- ✓ Look for a secure zipper
- ✓ Add a handle or shoulder strap
- ✓ Check the case is designed for drops

Online consent matters too

The Online Services Consent Form is required by Education Queensland schools. Online services are assessed for suitability and data privacy. Parent consent is generally required when a child under 13 uses a service; non-identifiable information is used where possible and recommended.

Unsure before you buy?

Email the product link for a compatibility check:

helpdesk@birkdalesouthss.eq.edu.au