



ST ANDREW'S
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

School Laptop Programme 2024

School-provided Laptop Programme for Years 5 - 12

Benefits of the programme:

1. The Surface Pro 9 (specifications at right) is the chosen device due to its flexibility as both a laptop and tablet.
2. The school is able to restrict access to websites and apps that detract from learning.
3. Students will learn essential ICT skills at school, becoming familiar with using a mouse/trackpad and keyboard, filing systems and industry software.
4. The fleet benefit of having all students on the same device means there is less downtime and fewer cross-platform challenges with the use of hardware, software and apps.
5. The supply of the device and associated support components (security licences, web filtering, all technical support via the SACS IT Helpdesk, and Accidental Damage insurance) provides good value for parents/carers.



Surface Pro 7 Plus - What's included

- Microsoft Surface Pro 9 with Core i5 CPU, 16GB of RAM, 256GB hard drive, touch screen
- Microsoft pen
- Tablet bumper/hard case (required to be fitted at all times)
- Laptop charger
- Installed Software: Microsoft Office365, Adobe Creative Cloud

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Laptop programme Q&A:

Why laptops instead of iPads for Years 5 - 12?

- Laptops enables SACS to maximise the educational value of the device, and improve reliability and support.
- iPads require personal registration with an Apple ID, which means they could easily be used for gaming, rather than education, as schools are unable to restrict access to sites and apps once the devices leave the school's Wi-Fi environment.

Why was the Microsoft Surface Pro chosen?

The Microsoft Surface Pro device provided to Years 5 - 12 has benefits which include:

- Opportunity for improved industry-level student learning, with the ability to annotate, use multiple programs simultaneously and access sophisticated software.
- The flexibility of both a tablet and laptop, which allows students to become familiar with using a mouse/trackpad, a keyboard, filing systems and industry software (Microsoft Office365 and Adobe Creative Cloud). It features a touch-screen and good-quality front and rear-facing camera.
- The stylus is suitable not only for note-taking in OneNote and marking up PDFs and other documents, but also for completing quality work in Design and Visual Arts and writing characters in Chinese.

Why a school provided laptop programme as opposed to a BYOD program?

- This programme enables the school to have extensive control of the laptop's use and what apps can be downloaded. Access restrictions can be put in place while at school and also outside of school. This ensures students will not be distracted or tempted to use their laptop for inappropriate activity, including gaming and social media access.
- The laptops are pre-installed with anti-virus, data encryption software and web filtering which will operate on the device at all times, even when operated at home or connected to third-party wireless internet connections.

Who receives these devices?

- All students from Years 5 - 12 will be issued with the Surface Pro 9.

What devices are offered to students in Kindergarten - Year 4?

- Years K – 2 students will have 1:1 access to iPads.
- Years 3 - 4 will have access to Surface Pro 7 laptops in the classroom in order to start developing the skills necessary for future learning.
- Years 10-12 students in Technical and Applied Studies, Software Design, Visual Arts and Photography may be issued a Surface Laptop Studio as certain software used by these subjects requires high-performance devices to complete course content.

Can families opt out of the school-issued device programme if their child already has their own laptop/ipad?

- All students will be required to use the school-supplied device while at school. Personal laptops or iPads should not be brought to school. We believe that participating in this new programme will result in the increased productivity of all students.

What is the cost of the laptop, including all ongoing support?

- The retail value of the device, software and support components over two years is more than \$4750
- The Student Resources Charge now includes a \$1300 contribution to the cost of the device.
- Included is Accidental Damage Protection insurance for up to two device replacements over 24 months. (Excesses apply for repairing the damage as follows: \$150 for the first occasion, \$250 for the second and \$1,000 for the third and subsequent occasions.)
- All device software needed for school use will be pre-loaded.
- Any hardware or software faults will be addressed in-house by the St Andrew's Cathedral School IT Department, with replacement devices issued if necessary.
- Damaged or Lost Accessories will be added to school fees' billing. Costs are as follows:
 - o Pens \$40 or more as it may vary depending on the supplier's cost
 - o Protective Case \$60
 - o Keyboard \$200
 - o Laptop Charger \$125

What happens if a student loses their device?

- If a laptop is lost or stolen, the student must report it to NSW Police. If it is not recovered, an excess of \$2,000 may be incurred to replace the device.

When do students receive their laptop?

- Students will receive their new laptop and instruction on how to use it effectively in the first week of school. Ongoing ICT skills development and training will occur throughout the year.

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