

# Traralgon College Laptop Program 2017

## Notice to Year 9 Students

(Revised 13 October 2016)



### Acer Aspire V5 End-of-Life

The Acer Aspire V5 series laptops will come to their 'End of Life' at the end of this year meaning they will no longer be covered by warranty or insurance. It is recommended that all students using these devices make arrangements for a replacement for the 2017 school year (see below).

Students have the option to continue to use their Acer V5's but the college ICT team will have reduced capacity to assist with issues that may arise including hardware repairs.

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At Traralgon College we believe a personal computer allows students to access information, extend their learning and demonstrate understanding in creative and innovative ways.

In 2017, ALL students will be expected to have a laptop to support their learning. Up until and including 2016, Parents only had the option of purchasing a laptop for use at Traralgon College via a Managed Bring Your Own Device (MBYOD).

This option will continue to be available in 2017 (preferred option) but in addition, a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program will be available.

Each option is described below and it is really important that Parents read this carefully so they understand the difference between the two options and can make the most appropriate decision for their circumstances.

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### **MBYOD** (Previously available option and Traralgon College's preference)

The MBYOD program means parents purchase a laptop from a third party supplier (selected by the college) and they select a laptop to purchase from a limited number of college approved laptops.

Features of the MBYOD program:

- Students have access to over \$2000 worth of software through the Department of Education.
- Students gain access to the full resources of school network including the colleges ICT department to provide efficient support (technical, warranty and insurance if applicable)
- Laptops are purchased on line at a competitive price negotiated with the provider.
- Each of the laptops purchased under the MBYOD program has a 3 year warranty
- **At additional cost**, Parents have the option to purchase a 3 year insurance policy which covers accidental damage, accidental loss and theft (In the event where a repair or replacement is required, the policy has a \$100 excess charge)
- MBYOD models will receive a connection to the college network and have the college software image installed.

Learning with Technologies (LWT) has been selected as the successful supplier for the 2017 Managed Bring Your Own Device program. Parents can purchase a laptop from LWT using the Traralgon College Order Portal (see link below).

The three laptops are available for purchases via the 2017 MBYOD program are:

- Acer B117 (lowest cost, reasonably robust and adequate for general use )
- Lenovo 11e (midrange cost, very strong and higher performance)
- Acer P446 (higher cost, bigger footprint, less durable and greater performance)

(Please see the illustration at the bottom of the document)

***The MBYOD portal is open and ready to receive orders right now!***

<http://TraralgonCollege2017.orderportal.com.au>

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### BYOD

The BYOD option means parents are free to purchase any Windows laptop for their student provided it meets a college specified minimum standard.

Specification (minimum standard)

- Celeron n3050 (minimum).
- 4 Gig RAM.
- 64 Gig eMMC storage (minimum preferably 128 Gig).
- 11 inch Screen (minimum)
- Windows 10

PLEASE NOTE: Only Windows based systems are approved for connection to the college network. Apple and Android devices are not supported.

Features of the BYOD program:

- These devices can be purchased from any supplier parents choose
- Students with BYOD devices that meet the specification will have access to the college network
- Students with BYOD devices will NOT have the college software image installed. The Traralgon College ICT Department will assist with connection issues
- Parents will be responsible for resolving any warranty, damage, loss or theft issues. ICT staff are unable to assist with such problems
- The purchase of insurance is entirely at the discretion of parents (accidental damage, accidental loss, or theft). Parents are responsible for the entire cost of any repair or replacement of a BYOD device purchased without insurance

To assist students with BYOD laptops Traralgon College is moving to a suite of 'cloud' based software solutions and will also make the Department of Education and Training software catalogue (free) available in a self-serve portal.

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### Laptop Hardship Application

In 2017 the college will continue to offer a financial hardship program to support families who meet specific criteria with the purchase of laptops; however we believe the low price of an acceptable BYOD device should reduce the demand in this area. To inquire about a laptop Hardship Application, please make an appointment with a Campus Principal.

#### **Please note:**

- Available MBYOD models may change model and price without notice during the school year.
- Finance options available on the MBYOD portal are private agreements between parents and the providers. Please ensure you understand all aspects of the agreement before committing.

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### Managed Bring Your own Device (MBYOD) - Options

ACER  
Celeron CPU

Travelmate  
**B117**



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**B117 - A light weight 11.6" notebook ruggedized for education use with good battery life**

LENOVO  
Celeron CPU

Thinkpad  
**11e**



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**11e - 11.6" Netbook designed with robustness in mind for education use**

ACER  
Core i5 CPU

Travelmate  
**P446**



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**P446 - A business grade 14" notebook with Gen 5 Intel Processors**