

Traralgon College Laptop Program 2019

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

In 2019, ALL students will be expected to have a laptop to support their learning. In 2017 the College introduced a Bring Your Own Device program (BYOD) in conjunction with the Managed Bring Your Own device program (MBYOD)

Both option will continue to be available in 2019 with the preferred option continues to be the Managed Bring Your Own Device as this allows for the college to offer a high level of support to these devices.

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 (Traralgon College's preference)

The MBYOD program means parents purchase a laptop from a third-party supplier (Learning with Technologies) and they select a laptop to purchase from a limited number of college approved laptops.

Features of the MBYOD program:

- Students gain access to the full resources of school network including the colleges ICT Department personnel to provide efficient support (technical, warranty and insurance if applicable)
- Laptops are purchased online at a competitive price negotiated with the provider.
- Each of the laptops purchased under the MBYOD program has a 3-year Onsite warranty
- MBYOD models will receive a connection to the college network and have the college software image installed.

At additional cost (Recommended): Parents have the option to purchase a 3-year insurance policy which covers accidental damage, accidental loss and theft (In the event of a repair or replacement is required, the policy has a \$100 excess charge). The payment of the excess and other cost incurred is the responsibility of the device owner.

Learning with Technologies will continue to be the MBOYD laptop supplier for 2018. Parents can purchase a laptop from LWT using the Traralgon College Order Portal (see link below).

The three laptops will available for purchases via the 2019 MBYOD program are:

- Acer B117 (lowest cost, reasonably robust and adequate for general use \$550 plus insurance approx.)
- Acer B118 (midrange cost, touch screen, with tablet mode \$650 plus insurance approx.)
- Acer P449 (higher cost, bigger footprint, less durable and greater performance \$1150 plus insurance approx.) *This device will be replaced on the portal when the new model information is available*

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 a device for their student provided it meets a college specified minimum standard.

Laptops (Preferred BYOD Option):
Specification (minimum standard)

- Celeron n3050 (minimum).
- 4 Gig RAM.
- 64 Gig eMMC storage (minimum preferably 128 Gig).
- 11-inch Screen (minimum)
- Current Version operating system (MAC OS or Windows 10 Home or higher Window 10 S will not work)
- Anti-Virus Software
- Battery life sufficient enough for all class use
- Wireless Integrated Card “802.11abgn”, “802.11agn”, “802.11ac”

IPADs / Microsoft Surface:
Specification (minimum standard)

- 10 Inch Screen
- Current Operating System IOS or Windows (Non jailbroken)
- Wireless Integrated Card “802.11abgn”, “802.11agn”, “802.11ac
- Battery life sufficient for all class use

Android devices will not be supported; this includes Samsung Tablets and Google Chrome devices

Features of the BYOD program:

- These devices can be purchased from any supplier parents choose to access.
- 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 to the network and internet and department systems; however, support will be limited to these systems as per DET guidelines and policy.
- Parents will be responsible for resolving any warranty, non-school related software, damage, and 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.**
- **Traralgon College will not take responsibility for lost or damaged BYOD devices.**

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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In 2019 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 make a confidential inquiry about a laptop Hardship Application, please make an appointment with the Business or ICT Manager.

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.
- Purchasing of Insurance is highly recommended, any repairs outside of insurance is the responsibility of the device owner. Some damage repairs can incur costs higher than the purchase price of the devices.

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Managed Bring Your own Device (MBYOD) - Options

ACER Travelmate B117 - A lightweight 11.6" notebook ruggedized for education use
Pentium CPU with good battery life. (\$550 plus insurance approx.)



ACER Travelmate B118 - 11.6" Netbook designed with robustness in mind for
Pentium CPU education use, with touch screen and tablet mode (\$650 plus
insurance approx.)



ACER Travelmate P449 - A business grade 14" notebook with Gen 5 Intel
Core i5 CPU Processors (\$1150 plus insurance approx.)

