



Bring Your Own Device – Senior School

Dear Parents,

Please note that your son/daughter will be required to bring a laptop to school for the duration of their learning in Senior School.

Students and parents will be required to sign an acceptable use policy document before the device will be allowed on campus. This agreement clearly states the parameters of what is acceptable practice for student devices on campus. Key conditions of this agreement include:

- gaming is not in any way permitted
- phones must NOT be used at hotspots
- laptops must NOT bypass web filtering

Students will need to use their KingsWay school Office 365 account for cloud services such as Microsoft Classroom and SharePoint, email, storage and access to Microsoft's free Office software. It is also important to note that the use of devices will be determined by the teacher and not the student. In some classes devices will be utilised more heavily than in others. There are three device options that are **acceptable** at KingsWay School.

1. Laptop
2. Windows tablet
3. Macbook

iPads and Chrome books are **NOT** suitable devices. As far as purchasing options go our advice is to shop around as the school is unable to provide any 'bulk buy' or lease options at this stage unfortunately. Noel Leeming in Silverdale has been very supportive of KingsWay School and have indicated they will be very happy to assist you.

It will be up to each family to determine which device is BEST for your son/daughter.

Factors that need to be considered are:

- Weight, portability and robustness of the device.
- Battery life should be at least three/four hours.
- Access to a portable hard drive / USB Flash drive / Cloud user account (Drop Box /One Drive / Google drive) for backup.
- Insurance and cover for school use.
- Engraved / clearly labelled (Including bag and power adaptor) would be ideal.

Specification recommendations:

General Use

- i3 Processor or better
- Wireless adaptors must be **DUAL BAND (802.11ac preferred)**
- Windows 7 or better
- 4 GB RAM
- 250GB or better Hard Drive
- Antivirus with current subscription (Microsoft Security Essentials is free)

Additional specifications for performance use (High end demand subjects such as Art, Graphics, Music)

- i5 Processor or better
- Dedicated Graphics (1920x1080p resolution or better preferred)
- 4 – 16 GB RAM
- 250 GB SSD drive (for better performance with software like Creative Cloud).
- 350GB+ / 7200 RPM Hard Drive.

Many thanks for your support with this important part of school life

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