

Brunswick Secondary College

1:1 Device Program for 2018

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Dear Students and Parents,

Re: Brunswick Secondary College 1:1 2018 Device Program.

Digital learning is an essential part of the curriculum program at Brunswick Secondary College and it is expected that every student attending the college will have their own computer device. To ensure that the 1:1 Device program is effective, the College has set up a parent portal with JB Hi-Fi to allow parents to purchase a recommended device which includes a 1 year warranty and the option for Insurance. Obtaining insurance for the device is strongly recommended.

After extensive research and feedback from students and parents, the Microsoft Surface Pro 4 has been selected as our chosen device. We believe that this device will support our students and provide them with more learning opportunities. They have the option of a touchscreen laptop or tablet mode that promotes collaboration and engagement. Teachers have created a range of engaging activities using the device and using online textbooks in tablet mode. As always, we welcome parent feedback on the devices and their educational uses and benefits.

There is more information on the specifications of this device available on the JB Hi-Fi portal which can be accessed at

www.jbeducation.com.au/byod.

The school code is **brunswickSC2018**

We believe having a standardised device allows teachers to maximise the use of provided applications to suit our learning program and provide the students with the best possible educational uses of technology. Also, having a fixed number of devices enables us to provide effective technical support and turnaround. While government schools cannot require you to purchase or lease one of the school recommended devices, if you choose to purchase your own device the school will provide some technical assistance to allow the device to be connected to the EduStar wireless network and instructions on how to download the appropriate software. Where families choose not to lease, purchase or provide a device, students will be able to borrow a device from the library before school. They will be required to return it at the end of each day.

If parents choose to purchase an alternative device to the Surface Pro 4, students will be permitted to use the device within the school, as long as the device meets the specified requirements. It is essential that the device meets the requirements so that the student is not disadvantaged.

DEVICE REQUIREMENTS:

Your Computer must meet or exceed these requirements to effectively use the school network.

- Have a battery life of at least 7 hours.
- Be able to access wireless networks - run Windows 10
- Have a physical keyboard (i.e. not just an on-screen keyboard)
- It is highly recommended that you that the device is insured against theft, loss and accidental damage.
- Wireless Connectivity is key to BYOD devices in schools, Devices must support 5Ghz dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n (Make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n')
- Camera and Microphone, a stylus or touch screen can also be helpful.

NOTE: iPads and Android tablets do not meet these requirements.

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JB HI-FI BYOD PORTAL

This portal has been specially designed by the school in conjunction with JB Hi-Fi Education Solutions. The online portal is set up as a step-by-step system, allowing you to select your device, accessories (if applicable), extended warranty and insurance.

Payment and Delivery

The portal allows parents to choose their method of payment – financing, BPay and credit card. Insurance options will also be available and highly recommended which covers options including accidental damage.

To ensure that your child has the device in the **first week** of school, the device needs to be ordered before the 3rd of December. All other devices that are ordered after this date but before the 31st of December will be delivered to students within the second week of school. This does however, depend on JB Hi-Fi.

Once the device is delivered to school it will be imaged (all relevant programs loaded onto the device) and will be distributed to students. We endeavor to do this as quickly as possible.

For parents who have a concession card, Good Shepard provides an interest free loan of up to \$1,200. You can find out more by contacting Good Shepard Microfinance on 13 64 57.

Insurance

Insurance options are available over a 2 or 3 year period. Insurance options cover accidental damage. If insurance is purchased and a problem or issue should arise with the device then students can return the device to the technicians at school. Purchasing the 3 year insurance is strongly encouraged by the school.

JB Hi-Fi offer a range of payment options including interest free options or finance (Buy now pay later), BPay and credit card.

Please feel free to contact us if you need more information to help you with this important decision.

The college expects that all devices are treated with respect and used appropriately. As we have previously emphasised, the college is committed to making effective (as opposed to extended) use of ICT. We value teaching strategies such as group work, discussion, active learning, whole class instruction and the many other methods that support student understanding. We also renew our commitment to educate students in the responsible use of technology.

Yours sincerely,

BRUNSWICK SECONDARY COLLEGE



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