

Dear Parents and Carers,

Catherine McAuley Westmead Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

Catherine McAuley Westmead has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) technology program whereby students in Year 7 to 12 are required to bring their own device to complement their learning at Catherine McAuley Westmead.

The BYOD program enhances the experiences of our students by providing complete ownership of their devices, their learning and will enable access to global resources accessible by the internet while enhancing collaboration with their peers in creative problem solving. The program will equip each student with a MacBook to use at school and at home, enabling students to have 24/7 access to resources and learning material.

Students will need to have their laptops prior to the start of Term 1. Information for purchasing the right laptop to meet your daughter's school needs follows.

CMW Device Specifications

Catherine McAuley Westmead requires students to have access to a fully charged Apple laptop at the start of each day. The required minimum specifications for BYO Devices are as follows:



13" MacBook Air or Pro

RAM: 8GB

Storage: 256GB SSD

Processor: no restrictions on the processor required

New MacBooks with the M1 and M2 chips are fully compatible for use at school

We strongly recommend purchasing a protective case as well as the AppleCare+ Protection for Mac.

To assist in minimising the cost of purchasing these devices, the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta has worked with their preferred suppliers of MacBooks, to set up a Parent Portal. These secure portals enable parents to purchase MacBook, extended warranties, bags and accessories at discount educational pricing. Please visit <http://byod.parra.catholic.edu.au/> for further information.

In addition to the above BYOD portal provided by CEDP, the Apple Stores at Westfield Penrith and Castle Towers will be able to provide the same pricing and device range to families who identify themselves with Catherine McAuley Westmead or the CEDP.

Parents are also free to purchase a MacBook from any retailer such as Harvey Norman or JB Hi-Fi.

I appreciate that this will be a significant investment for families and thank you for your support. The anticipated life of your MacBook is at least four years providing your daughter with reliable technology for her start in secondary education. As always please contact the school with any questions or concerns on 9849 9100. We will also make available information on suitable MacBooks on our school website:

<https://www.mcauleywestmead.catholic.edu.au/Enrolment/Bring-Your-Own-Device-Program>

Yours sincerely,



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