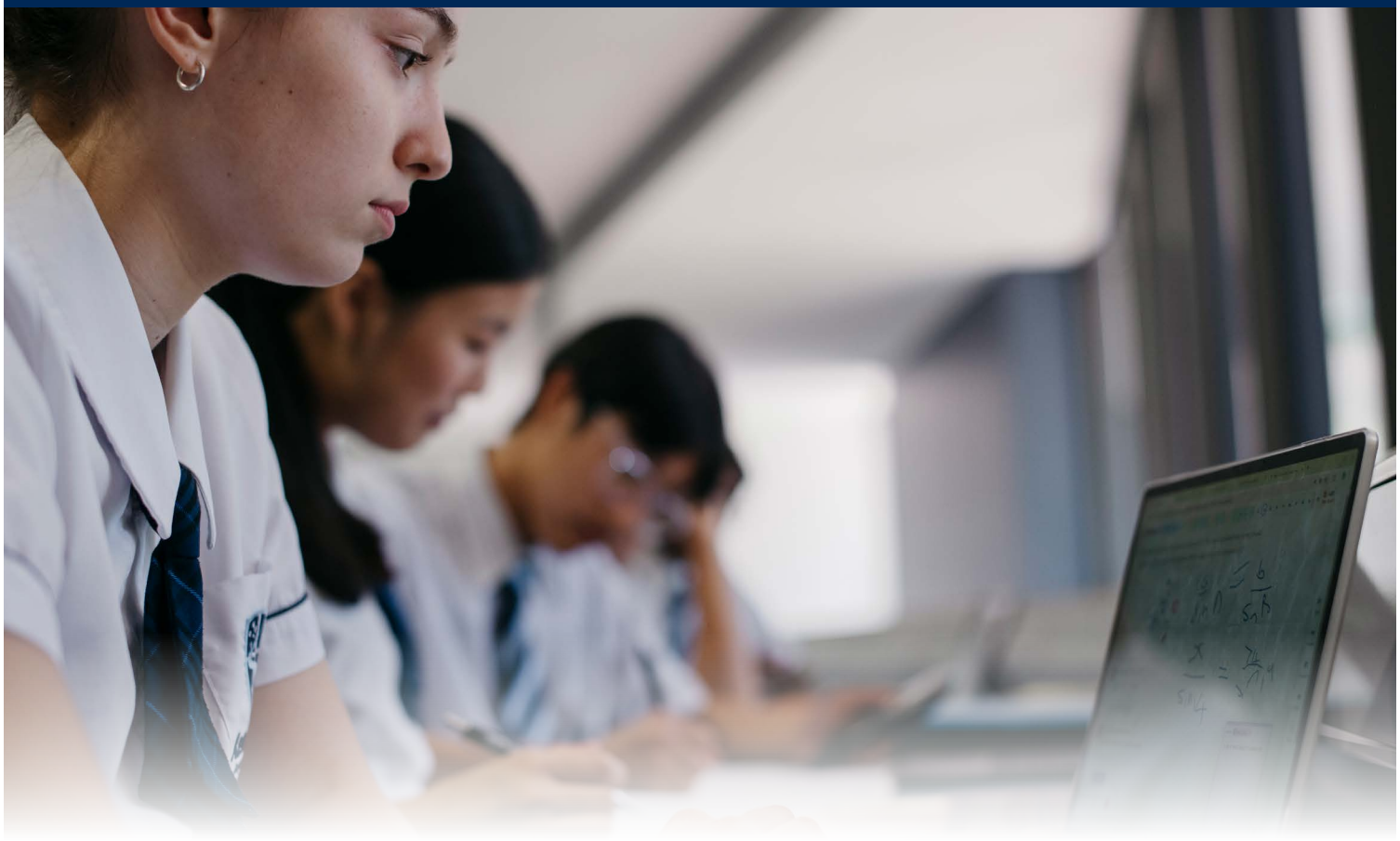
Kennedy Baptist College

Device and Induction Information



Digital technology plays a pivotal role within education, with the benefits of advancements in technology forming a significant part of a student's learning environment.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students enrolled at Kennedy Baptist College require a laptop which meets the College's minimum specifications. To ensure that the best possible experience is provided to our students, the technological operating environment on campus differs from that outside of the College or at home. For this reason, it is essential that the required device specifications are understood and met to ensure your child's device will function whilst at the College.

Device Induction Sessions

Booking is required, please refer to last page.

Device Specifications Summary

Mandatory

- ☐ Wi-Fi **(5GHZ)**
- ☐ Battery (6+hrs)
- ☐ Screen (≥ 10.1")
- ☐ RAM (8GB+)
- ☐ Storage (128GB+)
- ☐ English OS

Recommended

- ☐ Touchscreen
- ☐ Stylus
- ☐ External Mouse
- ☐ External storage for backup
- ☐ Rear facing camera
- ☐ Case (Armoured)
- ☐ Windows 11 OS

Device Minimum Specifications

There are several mandatory requirements that a device must meet to be used at the College:



WIRELESS

- Must have 5GHz wireless capability (look for 802.11ac or 802.11ax). No Exception.



BATTERY LIFE

- The device should last the entire school day without requiring a recharge, as there are limited facilities at the College to do so.



SCREEN SIZE

- Must be at least 10.1". We recommend touch screen.



OPERATING SYSTEM

- The preferred operating system for the College is a currently supported version of Microsoft Windows.
- MacBooks are permitted but be advised that teachers can only provide limited support.
- iPads and Chromebooks are not supported.
- Windows 11 OS : Laptops must not be running in S mode as the security restrictions imposed by Windows 11 S mode prevent students from installing software not from the Microsoft App store. This will restrict the functionality of the device whilst at school.



CAMERA

- Students who have difficulty in writing or copying accurately will benefit from a rear-facing camera.



PERFORMANCE

- We recommend at least : CPU Intel Core i3, Ryzen 3 or Snapdragon® X Processors, 8GB RAM, 128GB storage.



ACCESSORIES

- A sturdy case to safeguard the device in case of a fall.
- External storage for backups.
- Mouse, if required.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I buy a device?

The College does not formally endorse any particular supplier. Retail outlets or online retailers often run specials reducing the cost of the device.

When do I need my device?

Your child's device must be ready to go for the first day of Term 1 to be used during the first week. The ICT team will be providing setup sessions two weeks before term starts to assist in getting the device connected to the College network. If you cannot make one of these sessions, we encourage you to contact the ICT team at ***BYOD@kennedy.wa.edu.au*** to organise alternative arrangements.

What if I need help with my device?

The ICT team are here to help! Our primary function is to help your child ensure that their device can connect to the College network, assist with College provided facilities such as printing, assist with College provided software (such as Office 365) and provide limited access to a loan device (subject to conditions and charges).

The ICT team cannot provide a repair service for your device, you will need to speak to the retailer or manufacturer for repair services.

When a device is brought to the ICT team that is experiencing malware infestation or other issues around device maintenance, it may require your son/daughter restoring their device back to its original settings. We strongly recommend that they do regular backups to minimise the impact this may have. Please see the next section for advice on how to keep the device in good order.

How can we keep the device in good condition?

There are a number of steps that your child can take to keep their device in the best possible condition. These include:

- Ensure the device is regularly backed up.
- Ensure that the device has good anti-virus and anti-malware software installed. Windows Defender and MalwareBytes Anti-Malware are free and work well. Windows 11 OS has built-in anti-virus which may prove adequate.
- Never download programs from untrusted websites, and make sure you carefully read what the program is going to do (and what else it is going to install).
- Use your device as a non-admin user, this prevents most malicious software doing much damage.
- Do not use programs that contravene copyright and/or acceptable use policies (such as VPN and Torrent software). These are regularly riddled with malware and can result in you being blocked from the College network.
- Do not completely fill your computer with games, music and pictures. Your computer needs a certain amount of free space to operate at its best.
- Regularly apply Operating System updates. This helps keep your device secure and ensures the latest fixes are applied.

How do I get more information?

The Kennedy Bring Your Own Device Program page on the College website may contain the answers to your questions. If in doubt, you can contact the ICT team via the College Reception on +61 8 9314 7722 or by email at: ***BYOD@kennedy.wa.edu.au***

Alternatively, feel free to drop by - we are located in the Research and Study Centre to the north of the Administration building.

Why attend the Device Induction Sessions?

The session is held to ensure that students and their device are ready for commencement at the College.

The Kennedy ICT team will be running Device Induction Sessions before the school year begins. These sessions are designed to:

- walk each student through the basics of our BYOD program;
- get their device working on the Kennedy network;offer training on how to access required programs;
- provide information about the network resources available at Kennedy.

When: Wednesday 20 January - Thursday 28 January 2027
Times: 9.00am to 3.00pm daily (on the hour)

Where: ICT Department, which is the desk to the left inside the Research and Study Centre (the building to the north of Administration)

Booking link:
https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/y6neu

Please book your session by clicking the link below:

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE INDUCTION SESSION:
Scan the QR code with your camera phone.