



BYOD Information 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rouse Hill High School is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. As such all students in Years 7 to 12 are expected to bring a suitable device to school for use on a daily basis in class. The school supports the use of both Windows PC and Apple Mac options and there are reasonably priced options available through both of our partner providers.

Students will use the Google Workspace apps including Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides and Google Classroom for most aspects of their learning and as such it is recommended that all devices have the Google Chrome web browser installed as it works best with Google Workspace.

All students attending at RHHS in 2023 are requested to purchase a device ready for use from the beginning of the year.

In order to facilitate easy purchase of the chosen BYO device, Rouse Hill High School has engaged the services of two third party suppliers, **School Locker** (the school uniform supplier) and **Learning with Technologies** (LWT). Both School Locker and LWT have set up an order portal with school approved device options.

Both suppliers also offer the opportunity to purchase higher specification devices, which exceed school needs but may offer greater versatility for the device to be used for other purposes at home.

Both School Locker and LWT offer the option to package protective carry cases and extended warranties with the purchase of your device. In addition to this, they also offer the option to finance the purchase of a device (subject to credit approval criteria).

Purchasing from independent retailers

Although the products supplied by School Locker and LWT have been selected to meet the school's specifications, parents are still free to purchase a device elsewhere should they wish to do so. **In order to ensure compatibility with the school's wireless network** and that the device is suitable to meet your child's learning needs in the classroom, **the specifications listed below should be used to inform your purchasing decision**, should you choose to purchase elsewhere.

Device Specifications

Device type:	Laptop, tablet or convertible device The chosen device must have a QWERTY keyboard with keys A – Z and separate numeric keys 0 – 9 (This type of keyboard allows for faster typing. It also prolongs the life of the device). Note: A mobile phone or iPad is not a suitable device
Physical dimensions:	Minimum screen size: 10 inches Maximum screen size: At the users discretion – please ensure that the device is portable enough to bring to school every day.
Web browser:	All devices must have the Google Chrome web browser installed as the school will be utilising Google Workspace extensively.
Processor:	A Quad core x 64 processor may be required for some DoE provided Adobe packages and specialised subjects in later years.

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Operating system:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 10 or later • Apple Mac OSX 10.6 or later <p>Note: Android based devices have been intentionally omitted from this list due to incompatibilities with the school's wireless network.</p>
Wireless compatibility:	<p>Device must have Dual Band 802.11ac support This may be advertised as "WiFi-5". The device must be able to connect to a 5GHz network.</p> <p>Note: Devices marketed as "802.11bgn" are not supported.</p> <p>Please take care to ensure that your device is compatible with the school's wireless network.</p>
Battery life:	<p>Advertised battery life of at least seven hours. The device will need to be suitable for use over an entire school day where necessary. It is the students' responsibility to ensure they bring the device to school fully charged. Student will also be responsible for using the device in a manner that allows it to retain charge for the whole day.</p>
Storage space and data backup:	<p>Minimum 64GB storage on a windows device Suitable access to "Cloud" based storage via the school's internet connection and Wi-Fi network (the school will be using Google Drive – access to this storage for school will be free).</p>
Anti-virus software:	<p>This is a necessary requirement for most laptops and some tablet devices and should be installed on all devices that are connected to the school network. There are some free applications available on the internet, however the best protection is usually provided by a subscription service, for example Norton.</p>
Other considerations:	
Minimum RAM (laptops):	<p>8GB This ensures that the device will run most applications sufficiently. Some applications require more RAM to run.</p>
Maximum weight:	<p>Please consider the weight of the device and that your child will need to carry it for the duration of the school day when making your purchasing decision. It is recommended that the total weight is no more than two kilograms.</p>
Protective cover/case:	<p>Minimum requirement: To ensure longevity and minimise wear and tear, all students are required to purchase a purpose made protective carry case for their device.</p>
Accidental loss and breakage insurance	<p>Student devices are not covered by the NSW Treasury Managed Fund and as such they will not be covered by school insurance. Parents and students accept FULL responsibility for the care and use of their device. In particular, the school does not accept responsibility for theft or loss of the device or parts/accessories. It is highly recommended that you purchase accidental loss/breakage insurance for the device or have it listed on your Home Contents Insurance as a portable valuable in order to ensure that in the unfortunate event that the device is damaged, lost or stolen that it can be replaced with relative ease.</p>
Length and type of warranty	<p>Parents may wish to purchase extended warranties to ensure the device is covered for faults for longer than the usual one year period. A realistic lifespan for a device is approximately three years and as such this should be considered when making warranty purchasing decisions.</p>
Maintenance	<p>Students are solely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their device. The school cannot provide support for devices that we are not familiar with.</p>

Insurance

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Students are solely responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their device. The school will only provide support to assist students in connecting their device to the wireless network.

Any warranty maintenance issues that arise over the course of the active warranty on the device should be directed to the supplier and not to the school.

Purchasing from School Locker

The purchase portal for Rouse Hill High School students can be found at the following web address:

<http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/rouse-hill-high-school>

Please use this order portal to place your device orders with School Locker. School Locker will arrange for your purchase to be delivered to either your home, the school uniform shop or collected from the retail store at Liverpool.

Purchasing from Learning with Technologies

The purchase portal for Rouse Hill High School students can be found at the following web address:

<https://rousehillhs.orderportal.com.au>

Please use this order portal to place your device orders with LWT. LWT will arrange for your purchase to be delivered to your home.

Responsible Usage

Please be aware that students are required to use their device in a responsible and ethical manner. Students will connect their device to the school wireless network and will need to comply with the schools' responsible student use of the internet/intranet policy. Students will not be permitted to connect to the Internet via third party devices (such as mobile hotspots or mobile phone Internet connections) during school hours as this bypasses the department's Internet filtering and students cannot be protected from inappropriate web content.

Please ensure that you have read the above information carefully. Should you have any further questions, please contact the school for further advice.

Kind regards,

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