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BYOD/NETBOOK PROGRAM 2026

Dear Parents

Irymple Primary School has run a highly successful netbook program since 2009. Students in Years 3-6 access learning in today's world using a variety of technology. By Year 6, students at Irymple Primary School graduate with a strong understanding of ICT skills and how to access learning in a digital world.

In 2021, Irymple Primary School trialled a new BYOD program, broadening the range of devices that can be used for our netbook program in Years 3-6, as well as providing a more flexible arrangement for obtaining those devices. This year we will be continuing our partnership with **Learning With Technologies (LWT)**, to provide a variety of models for families to choose from at various price points.

We are supporting **3 OPTIONS** for parents to take part in our Netbook Program. All options will assist students in accessing all aspects of learning at Irymple Primary School.

Any devices used are subject to the schools **ICT/Netbook Acceptable Use Policy** and will be regularly inspected to meet the cyber safe needs of our students.

A small fleet of devices will be available for students to use if they do not have access to their own device.

There will be BYOD Information shared through COMPASS and our school website. Please keep an eye for updates on our COMPASS Newsfeed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to myself about suitability or clarification of device requirements.

Regards,

Nicholas Murray
Netbook Coordinator.

Option 1 - Purchase through School Approved Vendors - Learning With Technologies (LWT)

Purchase through LWT School Portal
- Parents may purchase a device using LWT School Portal through the school website.   **Round 1** Delivery Date - **8th December 2025** (Order by 17th November)   **Round 2** Delivery Date - **27th January 2025** (Order by 15th January)   - Orders can be taken during the term, with devices delivered to the school ASAP.   - Devices are fully owned when purchased   - Devices are delivered to the school and are set up for school use.   - Includes protective TEKSKIN Vinyl Cover with school logo installed on the device.   **Payment plans are available using Latitude Finance (12 month payment plans available)**
Years 3-6 Windows Program (LWT)   - For students entering Years 3 to 6   3-4 years of solid use if purchasing in Years 3 and 4.   1-2 years of solid use if purchasing in Year 5 and 6, and can be used in a number of secondary schools. (Please check the preferences of secondary schools before making a purchase.)   - Fully compatible with our network.   - Fully setup with DET EduSTAR software.   - Restored to factory settings when graduating or leaving the school.
Accessories (LWT)   - A case is advised when transporting as it can protect against general damage. Families can purchase one from the portal, or source their own.   - A mouse is generally easier to use than a touchpad.   - Headphones can be purchased for student use at school. Some headphones are available at school if needed. Bluetooth and cabled headphones are acceptable.
Warranties (LWT)   **All options come with a 3 Year Warranty to cover mechanical faults and a 1 year battery warranty as part of the purchase price.**   **Warranty Repairs - ONSITE -** Technicians will attend the school to conduct repairs to your device.   - An additional 2 year battery warranty can be purchased at the time of ordering.   3 Year Accidental Damage and/or Theft Warranty can be purchased at time of ordering to cover accidental damage or theft of device. Excess fee applies.   - You may also elect to cover your device under your current home and contents insurance.

Option 2 - Buy a device from a vendor of choice

- Families can source their own device elsewhere, so long as it meets the school's minimum specifications. Please see the table at the end of this document.
- They will need to take it to our IT Technician for connection to the school network and installation of Microsoft Office (if possible).
- Our IT Technician may be able to advise on the care of your device, but **repairs and maintenance** will be the **responsibility of the family**.
- Some devices may be able to be set up with the full DET EduStar software.

Option 3 - Use a family device that is suitable

- You may already have a device that is suitable. Please see the table at the end of this document to check if your device is suitable for our program.
- Bring this into the school to our IT Technician for connection as above.
- Our IT Technician may be able to advise on the care of your device, but **repairs and maintenance** will be the **responsibility of the family**.
- Some devices may be able to be set up with the full DET EduStar software image. We recommend that any files on the device are backed-up prior as devices will be wiped as part of this process. Devices will receive a fresh install of Windows at the completion of primary schooling.

The following table is a guide for deciding on a suitable device.

Windows 11 Devices
Fully Supported and Preferred due to our network requirements. ● Connected easily to the school network. ● Connected easily to school printers. ● Supports Microsoft Office. ● Flexibility for installing a variety of programs. ● Flexibility for connecting a variety of accessories. ● Supported easily by a number of secondary schools. ● Most devices are capable of supporting the DET EduStar Software Package. ● **Please note that devices running Windows 10 operating system are nearing the 'End-of-Life' and will need to be upgraded to Windows 11 to continue to receive important software updates.** **Minimum Specifications** ● 1.6 GHz Processor ● 4 GB RAM ● 128GB SSD ● Tablets need to have a keyboard and mouse. They can be attachable. ● Approximately 11.6 Inch screen size is recommended. This usually allows for a reasonably sized device for students, not too heavy, and will easily fit a number of cases, bags, and storage units. ● **Larger screen devices (greater than 14 inch) may not fit in our laptop trolleys and take up a lot of space on classroom desks. We do not recommend devices with larger screens.**
Chromebooks
Partially Supported ● Can be connected to our school wireless network. ● Works with our Google Apps for Education software. ● Will work with most of our learning requirements. ● Connects to our school printers. ● Limited support available for troubleshooting. ● Limited support in secondary schools. ● Approximately 11.6 Inch screen size is recommended. This usually allows for a reasonably sized device for students, not too heavy, and will easily fit a number of cases, bags, and storage units.
Apple Macbooks
Partially Supported ● We recommend that Macbook devices have MacOS 12 (Monterey) as a minimum and have a build date of 2016 onwards. ● Can be connected to our school wireless network. ● **We recommend installing Google Chrome as the preferred web browser.** Safari Web Browser can be connected to Google Apps for Education. At times, there can be compatibility issues with Apple products and Google Products. ● Will work with most of our learning requirements. ● Connects to our school printers. iPad devices may require additional software to connect. ● While these devices are able to be used, they can be more expensive and should be a long term plan. Please check with your possible secondary schools to determine if this is the best choice. ● Approximately 11.6 Inch screen size is recommended. This usually allows for a reasonably sized device for students, not too heavy, and will easily fit a number of cases, bags, and storage units. ● **Larger screen devices (greater than 14 inch) may not fit in our laptop trolleys and take up alot of space on classroom desks. We do not recommend devices with larger screens.**
Android and Apple iPad Tablets
Not Supported by the school.