Bob Hawke College

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Minimum Laptop Requirements – Years 7–12

To support student learning across all subject areas, families are asked to provide a laptop that meets the minimum specifications below. These requirements ensure compatibility with school systems, Microsoft 365, online assessments, and curriculum software used throughout Years 7–12. Purchasing a device that meets or exceeds these specifications will help ensure reliable performance for the duration of secondary schooling.

Minimum Device Specifications

Component	Minimum Requirement
Processor (CPU)	Intel Core i3 or higher / AMD Ryzen 3 or higher
Memory (RAM)	8 GB minimum
Storage	256 GB SSD minimum (Solid State Drive required)
Operating System	Windows 11
Screen Size	13 inches or larger, Touch Screen Optional
Wireless Connectivity	Wi-Fi 5 (802.11ac) or Wi-Fi 6
Battery Life	Minimum 6 – 8 hours
Camera & Microphone	Built-in webcam and microphone required
Ports	At least one USB-A or USB-C port

Recommended Specifications (Senior Years)

- Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 (or higher)
- 16 GB RAM
- 512 GB SSD storage

Important Information for Families

- **Microsoft Windows 11** is recommended. **Apple MacOS** still can be used if preferred.
- **Tablets (iPads, Android) and Chromebooks may not support required school software. (Adobe Create Cloud, Autodesk Inventor, Sibelius Music Software)**
- A protective case is strongly recommended.
- An extended 3-year warranty is advisable to cover the secondary school period.
- Purchasing a device above the minimum specifications will provide better long-term value and performance.
- Insurance is highly recommended.
- Anti-Virus is highly recommended.