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Brentwood Secondary College

Laptop Program

Information Booklet

2026/27

Brentwood Secondary College's laptop program enables improved access to learning technologies, online learning and a collaborative learning environment, specifically through the use of Office 365. We believe that giving students immediate access to technology in a one-to-one program will help engage them in the learning process in new and creative ways. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to become increasingly skilled at using technology to access and present information, to problem solve and to work collaboratively.

Edunet are providing a portal to purchase recommended devices. To see the available laptops to purchase, please visit the following site and enter the access code below for our portal:

http://brentwoodsc.technologyportal.com.au

Devices:

All students should bring a Laptop that meets the following **minimum specifications**:

- Minimum Windows 11 – natively
- Minimum 4 core processor (intel/amd)
- 11" screen **supporting multi-touch**
- 8GB RAM Memory
- ac/a/b/g/n Wireless
- 256GB SSD Hard Drive
- Up to 9 hours of battery life
- **Active** Stylus
- Keyboard (removable or attached)

Students who BYOD with snapdragon/arm processors may run into software incompatibilities. While compatibility is increasing with these processors, please keep in mind that there may be limitations with direct printing support and third-party software including some adobe applications.

Brentwood is partnering with Edunet again in 2026/27 to supply select models of laptops that we are recommending for students. The devices come with 3-year onsite education warranty and have been chosen as they are a very robust and reliable device for students. **Laptops can be purchased outright or on a payment plan through Edunet who use Zip Money.**

Advantages of purchasing through Edunet

- On-site support software (laptop can be re-imaged if the machine fails to boot)
- Pre-loaded with Edustar software and a standard operating environment
- We handle hardware warranty and insurance calls (on-site support with short turnaround)
- Laptops can be purchased outright or on a payment plan organised through Edunet
- Charging stations will be available for the models of laptops purchased through Edunet during lunchtime. There will be no chargers for other models of laptops for students to use.

Things to consider if purchasing or supplying from another provider

- Students are responsible for installing some of the required software (See page 4)
- Students are responsible for troubleshooting their own device (we will only ensure the laptop can connect to our network). Our technicians will not look at hardware issues and students will be required to follow up their own warranty and insurance claims with the company they have purchased the device from.

IMPORTANT: Chromebooks, iPads, Android tablets and MacBooks and any other devices that do not meet our requirements will **not** be added to our school network.

Software

Students will be supplied with an Office 365 account once they start at school. If they have purchased a device through Edunet, the Office suite of software will be pre-installed on their device. Otherwise, they will be able to download the Office suite free through their Office 365 account.

The Adobe software suite is also available to students to install on their computers. This will be made available to students to install if they require it.

Anti-virus software is built into Windows 11, therefore third party anti-virus software does not need to be purchased.

Any other software required will be made available on a local network drive at school for students to install when required. This will include free software or software covered under DET licencing.

Whenever possible, teachers at the school will look to incorporate web-based software into their lessons to minimise the dedicated software that needs to be installed on students laptops.

Student Responsibilities for their Laptop:

• Students will be responsible for the care and maintenance of their laptop. The College takes no responsibility for any damage or loss of a student's laptop. Parents are advised to investigate and consider an extended Laptop warranty for their device and to explore whether the Laptop is covered under their home insurance or whether further insurance options are available with accidental damage cover. All of the devices purchased through Edunet have been priced to include 3-year onsite warranty as well as limited accidental damage.

• Students are to ensure their laptop is fully charged prior to the start of each school day.

• The Laptop must be carried in a protective cover always and stored safely in their locked student locker when not in class use.

• The laptop should be in the student's school bag when travelling to and from school.

• Individual students are responsible for their own laptops and should ensure they take care of it at all times. Laptops should not be left unsecured where other students can gain access to them.

• Students must be respectful of other students' property and privacy at all times. They must not share usernames or passwords with anyone or interfere with another student's laptop.

• When using their laptops, students must at all times abide by the College **Digital Technologies Policy**. Any breaches of this policy will incur disciplinary action.

• On days of sporting competition or excursions, students **must leave** their laptops at home unless specifically instructed by the teacher to bring their laptop.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why have we selected a laptop as the new 1 to 1 device option?

The laptop is particularly well suited to learning environments. It was chosen for the following benefits:

- Compact size, ease of transport and design means it can be used in almost any learning situation
- the long battery life will allow it to be used all day at school without recharging
- a device that could be a replacement for paper textbooks and alleviate the need for so many textbooks to be carried around in student bags.
- a common tool for each student that would meet most of their day to day technology needs and that would help engage students in learning 24/7
- a device that will be effective over the next 3-4 years and supports minimum Windows 11
- the level of interactivity and highly diverse modes of use will support innovative learning opportunities not possible with other forms of ICT
- a device that will allow students to use Office 365 efficiently and effectively
- use of a stylus to annotate and create work

In essence, the laptop is the ideal device for anywhere anytime learning.

Why does my child need a laptop?

- Curriculum is being created and will be delivered using Microsoft OneNote. We are trying to offer a multisensory learning experience for students.
- OneNote is the digital workbook / portfolio for students.
- The majority of the learning resources are electronic (ebooks). Worksheets such as word documents can be completed and answered handwritten and stored online.
- Testing such as Acer PAT (yearly) and NAPLAN (7 & 9) are conducted digitally

Am I able to use the Laptop that I already have?

Students can use Laptops they already have if they meet the minimum specifications:

- Minimum Windows 10/11 – natively
- Intel N100 processor
- 11” screen **supporting multi-touch**
- 16GB RAM Memory
- ac/a/b/g/n Wireless
- 256GB SSD Hard Drive
- Up to 9 hours of battery life
- **Active** Stylus
- Keyboard (removable or attached)

What ongoing support will the College provide?

The College provides technical support onsite to troubleshoot problems for students. If there is a fault with a student laptop purchased through Edunet, our technicians will log a warranty claim and technicians from Edunet will come to Brentwood and fix the issue quickly. For laptops that are not purchased through Edunet, students and parents will need to manage their own warranty and repair claim with whoever they purchased the device through. Our onsite technicians will not fix any hardware issues with any of the laptops. It is the students responsibility to maintain a backup of any data and software stored on their laptop. We advise students store their documents in the cloud eg. One Drive, which is provided as part of the agreement with Microsoft 365.

Will there be a warranty and what happens with insurance?

All laptops purchased through Edunet for 2027 use will come with 3-year Education warranty, this includes on-site repairs and accidental damage. If a laptop is purchased externally, they generally come with a one-year limited warranty. This can be extended to three years by purchasing an extended warranty. The Department of Education and Brentwood Secondary College have no insurance to cover student laptops for loss, theft or non-warranty repairs. Parents are advised to check home insurance policies and consider covering the laptop for accidental damage and loss. The College accepts **no responsibility** for damage or loss and cannot enforce payment from another family if a laptop is accidentally damaged by another student.

What if I need service or my laptop repaired?

This will be dependent on where the laptop has been purchased. Laptops purchased through Edunet will be serviced/repaired onsite at Brentwood Secondary College. For laptops purchased through another supplier, you will need to refer to the warranty details of that provider. Repairs undertaken by non-recommended repairers may void warranties.

What is the expected lifetime of the device?

A laptop is expected to function effectively for three to four years, depending on individual use and the extent to which it is looked after. Students should, therefore, be able to use their laptop from Year 7 through to Senior School.

What software will we have to buy and who pays for them?

Please see the software page in this Information Booklet. As the program further develops there may be software that needs to be purchased and if this is the case we will communicate with families about this. Our aim is to be using software that is freely available or supplied by the Department of Education as much as possible.

Can students put their own software on the Laptop?

Students may download other software suites onto their laptops as long as its use does not impact on the space available for educational resources and functionality.

Will students be using eBooks?

Wherever possible, we have booklisted digital textbooks. For some subjects students are still given the options of buying a digital textbook or the hardcopy version, however, we strongly recommend digital copies. Not only are digital textbooks lighter to transport, they also offer a rich, immersive experience unavailable in traditional textbooks. Digital textbooks will be a major advantage of the program and come with easy to follow download instructions when purchased from our bookshop, Campion education.

What additional purchases might we anticipate (e.g. accessories)?

All students are highly recommended to purchase a cover/case for the laptop. Warranty and insurance are also highly recommended as Brentwood and the Department of Education do not hold any financial responsibility or insurance that covers student damage or loss.

How does the laptop fit into the College's cyber safety policy?

The laptop will be covered by the College's **Digital Technologies Policy**, and it is expected that as good digital citizens, the students will use the laptop appropriately, not only while in class, but at other times as well. The College sees the development by the student of appropriate strategies for participating in the digital world as a key skill for the times in which we all live. This is an endeavour that complements the steps being taken by the child's parents to prepare them for the digital world.

Will the College be providing students with a place to store their files in the College?

Storage areas for school work will be available on onedrive and onenote sharepoints. However, it is the student's responsibility to regularly back up (utilising the cloud) from their laptop.[1] Student's also receive 100GB of online space through their Office 365 account.

Can students access 'Compass' – the student/parent portal and the internet using their laptops and will they be able to print documents at school?

Students will be able to access the internet and Compass via wireless connection on their laptops at school. The internet connection is filtered (at school only), logged and limited. Printing will be available from student laptops in the same fashion as all other computers in the College. The same charges will apply as for printing from a computer.

What will the College do about students accessing non-educational apps/websites or playing games at school?

The Brentwood Secondary College **Digital Technologies Policy** and the clear disciplinary consequences for inappropriate computer usage are already in place and apply to the use of laptops in the same way they apply to all technology usage in the College. Misuse of the laptop in class will be treated the same as any other inappropriate behaviour and normal classroom discipline rules will apply.

What controls will there be on internet access at school?

The school's internet connection includes appropriate content filtering. These filters will block access to inappropriate content while the device is used on the College network. Additionally, there are restrictions on the amount of data downloaded by students.

[1] **Backup and file transfer will be a requirement to ensure adequate space is available if a Laptop with minimal space is purchased.**

What are the limitations on personal use?

The student's family will own the laptop, and they are thus able to use the device for any personal uses that the family allows. These uses should not interfere with the use of the device at school. This would include ensuring adequate storage space is maintained, that no inappropriate material is put on the device and that the laptop will need to be fully charged for daily use in the classroom.

How will I control internet access at home?

It is expected that parents will continue to monitor the internet access of their children. Clear boundaries and expectations for student use at home needs to be set by parents. The College will not impose control structures on the use of the laptops when they are off campus. For more information regarding responsible use of technology at home please visit the CyberSmart website https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents