

Learning Technologies/BYOD Program

Introduction

Lara Secondary college heavily uses ICT in the classroom to enhance students learning. It is an expectation that this device is brought to school every day and to every lesson.

From 2020 Lara Secondary College decided to offer Year 7 - 12 students two options for their Learning Technologies device.

As a result, students enrolling into the College will be required to purchase an Apple MacBook or a Chromebook.

Years 7 – 12 Minimum Requirements

Students may also bring in any device that meets the Minimum Requirements below:

Apple MacBook	Chromebook
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intel Core i5 processor or above• 8GB RAM• 120GB SSD• At least 6 hours battery life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intel Celeron or above• 4GB RAM• 32GB SSD• At Least 6 hours battery life
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MacOS 11 or above• No Office required (Can be supplied by the school)• No Antivirus software required (Can be supplied by the school)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chromebook must be up to date and not in developer mode to be enrolled.• No Office required, Google apps will be provisioned for student

Learning With Technologies (BYOD Laptop Supplier)

To assist parents with the difficulties of selecting an appropriate device, the college has worked with Learning With Technologies to create an online ordering portal for parents.

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

The purpose of this portal is to make it easy for parents to order an appropriate and well supported device that meets our minimum requirements. You are free to purchase a device from any other suppliers, however support may be limited.

All Chromebooks on the LWT portal come with 3 years on-site warranty by default (you can remove this if you wish). This allows purchasers to have repairs completed at Lara Secondary or at home.

All MacBooks on the LWT portal come with 3 years AppleCare+ by default (you can remove this if you wish). This allows parents to contact apple directly for repairs or get the machine repaired at one of numerous authorized repairers in Geelong.

Lara Secondary recommend the following repairers for Apple warranty in Geelong. Both can assist with out of warranty repairs as well (a fee is associated for out of warranty repair)

- **Geelong Technology Group**
166 Francis St, Belmont VIC
(03) 5244 3030
<http://geelongtechnology.com.au/>
- **Apptech Geelong**
7 Ormond Road, East Geelong, VIC, 3219
<https://www.apptech.net.au/>
(03) 52211321

Device Choices

There are several important factors when it comes to purchasing a device for use in school, these include:

- **Weight**

- It is important that the chosen device is lightweight enough to be carried to and from class, as well as to and from school. We recommend a maximum screen size of 14”

- **Battery Life**

- Your child may be expected to use this device for every lesson. Therefore, at a minimum the device needs to have a battery capacity that can handle this load. We recommend a minimum of 6 hours of advertised battery life. The more the better.

- **Start-up Time**

- The device needs to turn on or wake from sleep quickly, so lessons can commence at a good pace. Laptops with an SSD or Solid State storage are much faster at starting up than a device with the older Hard Disk based storage.

Device Management

As part of the enrolment process your child’s Mac or Chromebook will be enrolled in something called Mobile Device Management. This allows Lara Secondary College to easily deploy applications to the device, as well as ensure the device is being used correctly on campus. When the student leaves the college, ICT can automatically remove this management payload and return the device back to a factory state.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q) Is this program optional, or does my child need to bring a new device to school?

A) It is expected that all students have a device at school and bring it to every class. You do not need to purchase a brand-new device if a device you already have available meets the minimum requirements above.

Q) My child has a laptop/tablet, but it does not meet the minimum requirements

A) Please contact the school and ask for a member of the ICT department to discuss options. To support the learning of your child and ensure the device has the requirements to do so, we advise obtaining an alternative device that meets the requirements above.

Q) We already have a Windows Laptop/Tablet, can we bring this?

A) Please contact the school and ask for a member of the ICT department to discuss options. For certain windows laptops we may be able to convert them to chromeOS flex devices.

Q) My child's laptop is broken, who do I go to for support?

A) The first port of call, if there is an issue with your child's laptop, is the school ICT office. Our technicians can provide all students with advice on the severity of the damage and what the next step would be for repair. All hardware repairs are the responsibility of the student/family, ICT will only advise.

Q) Will I be able to obtain a Loan Device from the Computer Technicians if I forget to bring my personal computer to school?

A) No. Priority for Loan Devices will be given to those students who are having their device repaired and therefore have no access to one. We encourage all students to bring their device fully charged with them each and every day to ensure they are prepared for any tasks that the teacher may ask them to complete. Teachers will provide other alternatives in class for those students who fail to bring their device to school.

Q) How do I arrange a loan device?

A) Students are to inform ICT that their device is damaged or missing and advise the ICT technician of an estimated time of repair/replacement. ICT will then complete a Short Term Device Loan Agreement for the student (Maximum of 2 weeks) and the student can utilise a loan device during the loan period.

Q) My students laptop has a virus, what do we do?

A) The LSC ICT team is happy to assist students with queries and basic support when laptops or tablets have issues. If the device cannot be recovered you may need to seek additional support from your place of purchase. All ICT support for devices is given as “Best effort”. Devices that cannot be diagnosed in a reasonable timeframe, as determined by ICT, will be returned to the student.

Q) I am having difficulties with the cost of purchase or repair.

A) Please contact the school and ask for a member of the ICT department to discuss options.

Q) Do I need to purchase any Apps or Programs?

A) No, any required programs will be provided by the school. This includes Microsoft Office and Anti-Virus Software.

Contacts for Support

<u>Department</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Number</u>
ICT Department (For questions relating to device choice)	William Viney	(03) 5282 8988 (Ask for ICT)
Principal Contact (For any questions relating to the program)	Luke Skewes	(03) 5282 8988 (Luke Skewes)



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Commercial Grade Devices

The devices we offer via our portals are commercial grade that you won't find in a retail store. Built to a higher quality and most coming with 3 year warranty options they are designed to last longer than their retail counterparts.



\$100 Lay By Service

We offer parents a \$100 deposit option to secure a device and let them pay much closer to the delivery date.

Now accepting **LAYBY**



Wide range of payment options

We provide a wide range of online payment methods available on our website.



Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often requires the parent to take time out of their day.



Accidental Damage Protection

We offer well priced insurance options that give Accidental Damage protection with quick repair times. We use Manufacturers Insurance to help guarantee parts availability.



12 Month Payment Plans

12-month payment plans that are approved online via Latitude or Zip. These plans can help spread the upfront cost for parents.



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Quick Delivery

Many education devices are considered to be a special build and often have lengthy lead times. LWT work with our suppliers and bring in thousands of devices upfront so students can have them in a week rather than months.



Delivered to home

Orders can be delivered to your home address or local Australia Post Office.



Dedicated Parent Hotline

To ensure parents calling us get to the right person, we have a dedicated hotline just for portal related calls. Parents can call us with ordering, payment and delivery enquiries on 1300 839 605.



Model	Lenovo 100e G3 Chromebook	Lenovo 500e G3 Chromebook	Lenovo 500e G3 Chromebook	Asus CR1100 Flip Chromebook	Lenovo L14e Chromebook	13" Apple Macbook Air	13" Apple Macbook Air	13" Apple Macbook Air
Price (inc GST)	\$468.00	\$593.00	\$633.00	\$667.70	\$757.00	\$1,553.20	\$1,881.00	\$2,010.35
OS	Chrome OS	Chrome OS	Chrome OS	Chrome OS	Chrome OS	OSX	OSX	OSX
CPU	Intel N4500	Intel N5100	Intel N5100	Intel N4500	Intel N200	M1	M2	M1
Screen Size	11.6"	11.6"	11.6"	11.6"	14"	13.3"	13.6"	13.3"
RAM	4 GB	4 GB	8 GB	4 GB	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB	16 GB
HDD	32 GB	32 GB	64 GB	32 GB	128 GB	256 GB	256 GB	256 GB
Insurance Option	3 Year ADP \$100 Excess. See PDS (+ \$116 inc) 3 Year ADP & Theft \$100 Excess. See PDS (+ \$165 inc)					3 Yr Warranty & Sealed Battery 2 Yr Accidental Damage at fixed cost		

It is highly recommended to place your order by Friday 24th November 2023 to ensure delivery in time, to be ready for students in Term 1 2024.
Any orders outside of this date will not be guaranteed to be ready and may incur a \$15 delivery charge.
There are a variety of payment methods available to you including easy payment plans.