



Bass Coast College
Dudley/San Remo/Wonthaggi Campus
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2025

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN 2025

Bass Coast College has a BYOD policy for all students across the College. There are significant educational benefits for students to be able to combine digital technology learning with the more 'traditional' learning methods. A significant investment in recent infrastructure work means that we now have high quality structures and teaching practice in place to support a BYOD program. **It is not a requirement that students have their own portable device; however it is highly recommended.**

The BYOD arrangement will also enable students to use resources from home, as they will be able access learning tasks and other information through our online Compass Management System.

Important note: *Smart phones and tablets are inappropriate devices for the majority of educational purposes: laptops or netbooks are the preferred devices.*

Computers purchased through Bass Coast College:

BCC has organized a number of brand-new purchase options from the Edunet group.

Edunet is a supplier to many schools, and they express a commitment to providing good quality student notebooks at affordable prices. They support our hardware at every stage of the process and pride themselves on high quality service. The school receives no commission from parents, nor the company, for using this service.

The online ordering portal is accessible only through the College website via

<https://basscoastcollege.technologyportal.com.au/>

We have selected devices that meet the school's requirements, including touch screen capabilities; and all come with warranties. The devices on the portal have price points ranging from \$780 - \$1800. The details of these options are on the Edunet flyer attached and the Laptop Portal on the school website. Please be aware of the important ordering cut-off dates listed on the flyer:

Pre-Christmas	order by - 30 th November
Day 1, Term 1	order by – 3 rd January

Computers not purchased through Bass Coast College:

Computers not purchased through BCC can either be Windows or Mac operating systems. However, they need to meet some minimum requirements to connect to the school eduSTAR wireless network and perform daily tasks in the classroom, these are:

The **minimum** requirements are:

- **Operating System:** Minimum, Mac OS X 11 (Big Sur) or higher, Windows 10 or higher.
- **Processor:** Minimum – Modern Quad Core or higher.
- **Memory (RAM):** Minimum – 8GB or higher.
- **Hard Drive:** Minimum - 120GB or higher.
- **Battery Life:** Minimum – 6HRS or higher.

Please Note:

If the computer does not meet these requirements BCC cannot guarantee that it will perform daily classroom tasks or connect to the school network adequately.

Chromebooks are NOT recommended, as they do not run the software required for school.



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Because of warranty provisions of purchased computers, support from the school IT Department may be restricted. We will provide assistance with technical issues, such as ensuring that the student's device connects to the wi-fi network and all available services such as email and printing. The IT Department will not undertake mechanical repairs. All devices should be under warranty, so any technical faults will be addressed under the terms of the warranty, meaning that parents/families are responsible for having devices repaired.

All computers on the school network need to have an antivirus protection installed, BCC can provide an antivirus for Windows and Mac computers, it is **NOT** required to be purchased.

Microsoft Office is required to be able to complete school tasks on the student computer, BCC can install this on student laptops for free, it is **NOT** required to be purchased.

Most full-size laptops battery life last for approximately 3 hours. BCC recommends a netbook or ultrabook which have a longer life battery.

Most retail computers have a 1-year warranty. It will be up to parents whether they extend the manufacturer's warranty.

Ownership

- The device is owned by the parents/student but is made available for use as part of the school learning program.
- Parents/students should be aware that files stored on the device are private but may be publicly accessed as part of learning programs.

Software and access

- The school will provide information about standard software programs and applications required for installation on personal devices and will advise when new software or applications need to be purchased.
- Parents are responsible for purchasing and installing new programs on personal devices. Parents are advised to set up a separate family account (not use their own accounts) to manage purchases for their child's device if using the Apple store.
- The school will provide access to most of the software required by students via our technicians and/or eduStar www.edustar.vic.edu.au/catalogue/Pages/SoftwareHome.aspx. There is no cost for this access.

School support will be provided for:

- connecting the device to the school network, internet and other digital technologies
- set up and management of school, student email accounts
- all school-based software and associated issues with school applications
- hardware issues on devices purchased through school or school portal.
- some hardware issues on externally purchased devices (out of warranty, at the technician's discretion)

Support **will not** be provided for:

- out of school networks, the internet, printers, or other devices not used in school
- personal email accounts and settings
- software issues arising from not using recommended software
- some hardware issues (warranty repairs must be completed by manufacturer).

Damage or loss of equipment

- Parents are responsible for making sure the device is covered under insurance, so that it can be replaced if lost or damaged.
- The school must be notified if the device is damaged or lost so that a student's learning program is not interrupted whilst being replaced/repaired.



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Student responsibilities

- bringing portable devices fully charged, with power adaptor, to school every day
- ensuring the device has appropriate virus protection
- backing up data securely including copying local data files to the network at all times
- carrying their device in an appropriate protective case at all times
- adhering to the school's Acceptable Use Agreement when using the machine, both at home and at school. The acceptable use policy and agreement is to be found on the school's website.
<http://www.basscoast.vic.edu.au>

If you need any information or support to make your decision, please do not hesitate to contact the school IT Department on 5672 0900 Dudley, 5610 2020 San Remo, 5611 4000 Wonthaggi.

Regards

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