

Mount Albert Grammar School BYOD

Advice for whānau



MOUNT ALBERT
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

There is no one 'BYOD' (Bring Your Own Device) that is suitable for all students.

- We recommend that students bring either a MacBook or a Windows laptop as their digital learning device.
- A device with a keyboard is required for online examinations. If your child already has an iPad with a keyboard, this may be used, future requirements for online assessment may hinder the use of iPads. Android tablets are not suitable as BYOD devices as they are not compatible with the school network.
- Older devices (below our recommended specifications) are not suitable, as they often become slow, have poor battery capacity and are not compatible with apps programs required for school.
- Many students do upgrade their devices during their five years at MAGS. If your child currently has a device from intermediate school, we recommend that they continue to use that device for years 9 & 10, they will likely need to upgrade to meet increased software requirements in senior school.
- Please visit the [MAGS BYOD](#) page for more information.

We have curated a selection of MAGS approved devices with our technology partner Cyclone.

See MAGS-Approved devices on the [Cyclone Shop](#)

Take our [quiz](#) to find the right device for you.

Minimum Specifications for Devices

DEVICE	SPECIFICATIONS (please ensure the device has a camera and microphone)	EXPECTED LIFE
MacBook	All are suitable (Air and Pro models)	4-5 years
Windows	Windows 10, 4GB RAM or better 128GB hard drive or larger (SSD drives preferred over HDD), 2.4GHz processor or higher.	3 years

NOTE: Specific Subject Requirements: If your child is enrolled into media studies, photography or art design and wishes to have a yearly education Adobe Creative Cloud subscription, a MacBook or a Windows laptop is required and it should have at least 8GB RAM and a 256GB SSD hard drive. A MacBook Air works well, but the MacBook Pro will allow for quicker processing.

If you have any questions regarding which device is right for your student please check out the full range of devices on the Cyclone Shop. Alternatively please reach out to byod@mags.school.nz.