

## Frequently Asked Questions

: <https://merici.college/go/byod>

School Supported Bring Your Own Device (Purchased through school partner portal)	Home Supported Bring Your Own Device (Purchased anywhere else)
<b>What type of warranty is included?</b>	
All HP and Apple Mac School Supported models purchased through the portals come with a 3yr warranty. Batteries generally have a 1yr warranty.	Generally only 1yr and dependent on the manufacturer and place of purchase
<b>Is Accidental Damage Insurance (ADP) included?</b>	
HP laptops include ADP with a \$60.50 - \$100 excess, 1 claim of 3 major components per calendar year. Apple Mac laptops have AppleCare+ warranty with variable repair cost from \$150 for a screen up to \$500.	No. Accidental Damage Insurance will need to be taken out. It is possible that House and Contents Insurance may cover the costs. It is advisable to assume every student will have an accident with their laptop at some time during their schooling.
<b>My daughter has damaged her laptop, can it be repaired at school?</b>	
Yes , we have arrangements with our vendors to provide repair services through the school. Generally this happens within a week but is dependent on you paying the insurance excess for accidental damage	No, you will have to take the laptop back to the place of purchase, or a laptop repair shop
<b>When a student's laptop is away for repairs, will there be a replacement laptop available?</b>	
Yes, however there are a limited number of spare laptops available	No
<b>What software is included?</b>	
The laptops are preloaded with Microsoft Office and can be refreshed and reimaged at school, similar to a factory reset.	You will have to download and install software as required, you may need to return the laptop to the place of purchase to refresh or factory reset the laptop
NOTE: Your daughters enrolment contains a Free Microsoft Office 365 subscription, you do not need to purchase one separately. Activation is via their school email address and password	
<b>Will a laptop bag be provided by the College?</b>	
No, however, some recycled laptop bags may be available for a small cost	No, however, some recycled laptop bags may be available for a small cost
<b>We have realized that our old laptop needs to be replaced. Can we order a new laptop at any time?</b>	
Yes, a laptop can be ordered at any time through the web portal with one of the vendors on our website	You may purchase the laptop privately or order one at any time through the web portal using one of the school's vendors
<b>Will the school accept liability if a laptop is lost, stolen or damaged?</b>	
No, particularly if the laptop is lost or stolen. If damaged, the school's vendor will carry out the repairs under the vendor's accidental insurance scheme if included. It may be possible to purchase optional lost or stolen insurance from the vendor	No, that is why it is important to take out appropriate insurance.
<b>Will the lowest cost laptop be able to run all software?</b>	
Yes, it is sufficient to run all software. However, for seniors who make use of Adobe products in their course(s), a higher model is recommended	Please refer to the schools recommended specifications with particular reference to WIFI 5 (11AC) and SSD support. Seniors using Adobe products generally need higher specifications and an SSD
The school's vendor has determined our laptop needs to be replaced. Will the school's vendor replace the laptop with an identical model?	<b>Will we be allowed to purchase a tablet rather than a laptop?</b>
If the model is available, yes. If the model is not available, then the replacement may be a newer model at no cost.	Tablets running Android, Apple IOS or ChromeOS only support a subset of functionality available to a proper laptop. However we do not restrict these devices connecting to access additional or specialized resources
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## Bring Your Own Device Recommended Specifications for 2019 onwards




The college has worked with two vendors to provide packages that include free at school servicing with laptops that match our specifications. These come loaded with all the schools software and are managed by our infrastructure. Parents can choose a model that best fits their budget knowing that we will provide support at school for your daughter and that the laptop is covered by full 3yr warranty and cover.

These packages are available on the schools website anytime

### Hardware Specifications

If you are purchasing a laptop on your own the device needs to meet the following requirements:

Form Factor	Laptop: <b>Windows</b> or <b>Mac</b> platform Does <b>NOT</b> include tablets
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10 or newer except Windows S [not compatible] Apple MacOS 10.14 or newer
Wireless Compatibility	<p><b>Devices must have 5Ghz Wi-Fi (802.11an or 802.11ac)</b> ( an 'a' is mandatory )</p> <p>This may be advertised as "Dual Band Wireless", "802.11abgn", "802.11 agn", "802.11ac", "Gigabit Wireless" or "WiFi 5".</p>  <p><small>Merici supports these WiFi standards</small></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Devices marketed only as "802.11bgn" do NOT support the required standard.</p>
Battery Life	Advertised battery life of at least six hours
Additional Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum weight: 2 kg</li> <li>• Minimum RAM (laptops): 4GB, 8GB preferred</li> <li>• Disk configuration (laptops): Solid State disk, <b>80GB or higher – 32GB is not enough</b>, 120GB preferred</li> <li>• Have at least one 2.0 USB port.</li> <li>• Accidental loss and breakage insurance</li> </ul>
Text Input Device:	Keyboard and track pad
Multimedia Device:	Webcam with inbuilt microphone

*Please take special note of the Wireless Compatibility requirements. This is the most difficult requirement to verify yourself. If you are unsure, consider purchasing a recommended device through the school.*

*There are some very cheap laptops sold with 32GB of storage, this will not be enough for school.*

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## Functional Specification

Additionally, the laptop needs to meet all of the functional requirements pertaining to software:

<b>Operating System</b>	As per the Hardware Specification above
<b>Education Software</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Web browser: a current web browser. Examples include Edge, Firefox, Safari, Chrome</li> <li>• Word Processor: Examples include Office Word, Apple Pages, OpenOffice Writer</li> <li>• Spreadsheet: Examples include Microsoft Excel, Apple numbers, OpenOffice Calc.</li> <li>• Basic video editing software: Windows comes with Movie Maker, Macs come with iMovie</li> </ul>
<b>Security Software</b>	Windows: Inbuilt Microsoft Defender MacOS : MalwareBytes

Detailed specifications:

Component	Specifications
<b>CPU</b>	Minimum: Dual Core Celeron, Intel Core i3, m3 or AMD A6 processor
	Recommended: Intel Core i5 or AMD A10, Apple M1 or higher
	Recommended for Senior Adobe Suite : Quad core i7 or higher
<b>Memory / RAM</b>	Minimum: 4 Gigabytes
	Recommended: 8 Gigabytes
	Recommended for Senior Adobe Suite : 16 Gigabytes
<b>Hard Drive</b>	Minimum: 128 Gigabytes
	Recommended: 256 Gigabytes Solid State (SSD)
	Recommended for Senior Adobe Suite : 512GB SSD
<b>Optical Drive</b>	Optional
<b>USB</b>	At least 1 x 2.0 USB port
<b>Display</b>	Minimum: 1280 x 800 or 1366 x 768 resolution
	Recommended: 1600 x 900 resolution or higher
<b>Video</b>	Inbuilt video card with 128 megabytes or more of memory
<b>Wireless</b>	Wifi compatible with 5Ghz 11an
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 7 or higher / Mac OS X 10.14 or higher
<b>Memory Card Reader</b>	Optional
<b>Battery</b>	Should last 6 hours

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Any **enquiries** about the Bring Your Own Device program, in the first instance, should be directed to:

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