



What device does my son or daughter need at Kennedy?

There are several mandatory requirements that a device must meet to be used at the College:

- **Wireless**
 - ▶ Must have 5GHz wireless capability (look for 802.11ac)
NO EXCEPTIONS
- **Battery Life**
 - ▶ The device must last the entire school day without requiring a recharge, as there will not be facilities at the College to do so.
- **Screen Size**
 - ▶ Must be at least 10.1" and no more than 15.6", we recommend touch screen
- **Operating System**
 - ▶ The device must have a copy of Microsoft Windows installed and running (this can be in a virtual machine)

- **Performance**
 - ▶ We recommend at least 2GB RAM (4GB preferred), 64GB Storage
- **Accessories**
 - ▶ Must have a good case to protect the device from accidental drops (these will happen!)
 - ▶ External storage for backups, mouse if desired

We have a list of recommended devices available on the Kennedy Website under General Information->Bring Your Own Device Program which we have qualified to ensure they are suitable. **If in doubt – contact us.**

Store Checklist	
<u>Mandatory</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi (5GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/> External storage for backup
<input type="checkbox"/> Battery (6+hrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Touchscreen
<input type="checkbox"/> Screen (10.1"-15.6")	<input type="checkbox"/> Stylus
<input type="checkbox"/> Windows OS (8+)	<input type="checkbox"/> External Mouse
<input type="checkbox"/> RAM (2GB+)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage (64GB+)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Case (Armoured)	

Where can I buy a device?

The College does not formally endorse a particular supplier. Retail outlets or online retailers often run specials which can assist in reducing the cost of the device.

When do I need my device?

Your child's device must be ready to go for the first day of Term 1 and may be used during the first week. The ICT team will be providing setup sessions two weeks before term starts to assist in getting the device connected to the College network. If you cannot make one of these sessions we encourage you to make contact with the ICT team at BYOD@kennedy.wa.edu.au to organise an alternative time for a 1:1 session.

What if I need help with my device?

The ICT team are here to help! Our primary function is to help your child with ensuring their device can connect to the College network, assist with College provided facilities such as printing, assist with College provided software (such as Office) and provide limited access to a loan device (subject to conditions and charges).

The ICT team cannot provide a repair service for your devices, you will need to speak to the retailer or manufacturer for repair services.

Where a device is brought to the ICT team that is experiencing malware infestation or other issues around device maintenance, it will be best effort support and may require your son/daughter to restore their device back to its original settings. We strongly recommend that they do regular backups to minimise the impact this may have. Please see the next section for advice on how to keep the device in good order.

How can we keep the device in good condition?

There are a number of steps that your daughter or son can take to keep their device in the best

possible condition. These include:

Ensure the device is regularly backed up.

Ensure that the device has good anti-virus and anti-malware software installed. Windows Defender and MalwareBytes Anti-Malware are free and work well. Windows 10 has built-in AV which may prove adequate.

Never download programs from untrusted websites, and make sure you carefully read what the program is going to do (and what else it is going to install)

Use your device as a non-admin user, this prevents most malicious software doing much damage.

Don't use programs that contravene copyright and/or acceptable use policies (such as VPN and Torrent software). These are regularly riddled with malware and can result in you being blocked from the College network.

Don't completely fill your computer with games, music and pictures. Your computer needs a certain amount of free space to operate at its best.

Regularly apply Operating System updates. This helps keep your device secure and ensures the latest fixes are applied.

How do I get more information?

The Kennedy Bring Your Own Device Program page on the College website will be kept up to date with the latest information, and may contain the answers to your questions.

If in doubt, you can contact the ICT team via the college reception on +61 8 9314 7722 or by email at BYOD@kennedy.wa.edu.au. Alternatively, feel free to drop by - we're located in the Research and Study Centre to the north of the Administration building.