



Mackay State High School

Please take this page with you when shopping for a laptop, and check with a sales representative that your choice meets the requirements before purchasing.

BYOx eLearning Program Specifications

Mackay State High School operates a Microsoft Windows-based learning environment.

- Software required for some subjects is **Windows-compatible ONLY**.
- **While Apple Mac OS X devices and iPads (as a secondary device) are acceptable, compatibility issues with our network can cause issues connecting to some school resources and are therefore not recommended.**
- **Chromebooks cannot be used at Mackay State High School.**

Mackay State High School recommends the following *minimum* specifications:

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| • Microsoft Windows 11 Home or Pro | |
| • HDD | 128Gb Hard Drive |
| • RAM | 4Gb (8GB preferred) |
| • Wireless Network | 802.11n |
| • Screen | 13" |
| • Estimated Battery Life | 6 hours. |
| • Protective Case (mandatory) | Backpack with padded laptop compartment, Hard-sided Laptop case, or Slipcase to provide adequate protection. |

It is highly recommended that screen size and weight be appropriate for your student's Year Level, physical stature and subjects being studied. Purchasing a laptop is an investment in your child's future. To ensure continuity of learning, your investment should also be secured by:

- 3 year Warranty
- 3 year Accidental Damage Coverage
- Loss and Theft Insurance

Any additional software required (including Microsoft Office products) is available on-line, by download. Teachers or IT staff will provide access and information on accessing additional software as required. Any required software or apps are available free of charge.

Virus/Malware Protection:

Microsoft Windows 11 includes the Windows Defender anti-virus software, which is recommended for devices connected to the school network.

N.B. Some free and commercial Anti-Virus packages conflict with Education Queensland security and filtering software.