

1 to 1 Laptop Program



Mornington Secondary College is a 1 to 1 laptop school. This means that all students are expected to use technology as part of the learning process in most classes each day. The world outside of school is a technology rich place and as a College we strive to prepare students to work in that world, using new and emerging technologies to enhance their learning experience.

To facilitate this there are a number of options available to parents.

1. Purchase a laptop through the school preferred supplier
2. Bring an existing device you own.

Which Option is Best?

The school highly recommends the school preferred supplier option for a number of significant reasons.

- **Warranty and Insurance:** As the school works with the supplier on a daily basis, warranty and insurance claims can be lodged by the school technical staff. **Insurance claims excess is \$0 - \$100.**
- **Technical Assistance:** With limited number of models the technical staff will be able to provide technical trouble shooting for these laptops.
- **Provision on Loan Computers:** Our preferred supplier provides a number of laptops to act as loan laptops whilst repairs are being completed.

Insurance

The College has been running laptops programs in various forms since 2002. In that time we have found that around 70% of students make a least one insurance claim for their device. It is **ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** that any device brought to school is covered by insurance.

Damage

Students are required to take great care of their device, including using a designated carry case when moving around the College. If the device is purchased through the preferred supplier, and is damaged it should be taken to the Technicians Office at school for assessment and repair. A loan computer will be issued. If a “bring an existing device” is damaged, parents will need to have it repaired themselves and students can acquire a loan laptop from the Technicians Office for a fee. Where a device is damaged by another student, the College will contact parents of the students involved but will **NOT** be responsible for overseeing any financial agreement between the parties.

Warranty

Computers like any electronic device can develop faults even though they are being used with care. It is essential, where practical, that devices are covered by manufacturer’s warranty.

Software

A condition of connecting a device to the College network is that software management and antivirus tools are installed.

Financial Hardship

Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the College Business Manager to discuss support available from the College.

Option 1: Preferred Supplier

Mornington Secondary College has been working with **Learning with Technologies** for a number of years, as our preferred supplier of laptops for students. Through consultation with us they are offering the following laptops to parents.

Models:

- **Acer B117 11.6" Netbook**
[Cleron CPU; 4GB Ram; 128gb SSD; 10 hr Battery; 3 Year onsite Warranty; insurance]
- **Acer B118 11.6" Netbook, Touch with Stylus**
[Pentium CPU; 4GB Ram; 128gb SSD; HD Touch screen with Active stylus; 13 hr Battery; 3 Year onsite Warranty; insurance]
- **Acer P449 14" Laptop**
[Intel i5 CPU; 8GB Ram; 256GB SSD; 14" LCD; 8 hr Battery; 3 Year onsite Warranty; insurance]

Learning with Technologies have created a parent portal which is located at the the following web address:

www.morningtonsc.orderportal.com.au



or (scan)

Option 2: Bring an Existing Laptop

If you choose to bring an existing laptop it must meet the following minimum specifications

- Laptop with currently supported operating system (Windows 8; Max OS) [To make sure that security issues are still being addressed]
- Solid State Hard Disk (SSD) (This is a fast Hard Disk which will keep an older computer functional; the slow part of the computer is often the Hard Disk)
- 4GB Ram (Minimum required to run office 365)
- Wireless (Connect to the network)
- Carry Bag

If you choose to bring an existing laptop, then you do so with the understanding that school will connect the computer to the network and provide links for installing key school software. ALL OTHER activities will be the responsibility of parents.

This includes:

- Software installation and support
- Trouble shooting technical issues
- Warranty repairs
- Insurance claims

If a student will be without a computer for a period of time, due to repairs, a loan computer can be issued for a fee.

Further Information:

If you require further information please email: 1to1@mornsc.vic.edu.au