



## **One-to-one (1:1) Laptop Program 2024 in Years 3-6**

Dear Parents,

The aim of the 1:1 Program in 2024 is to provide each child in Years 3 to 6 with their own computing device in order to meet the demands of Learning & Teaching for modern students. The recommended device in 2024 and the foreseeable future is a Chromebook; a lightweight, portable and cost-effective laptop computer suitable for accessing web content through the Google Chrome web-browser, and Android applications through Google Play. The Chromebook is able to effectively leverage the entire range of Google Suite for Education, which students and teachers use on a daily basis.

Students enrolling into Year 3 in 2024 must order and purchase a new Chromebook through the school before the due date (see over page).

Students enrolling into Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 in 2024 and who have already purchased a Chromebook in 2023 will continue to use this device for 2024.

Students enrolling into Year 6 in 2024 who rented a Chromebook from the school in 2023 can continue to do so for 2024 for a fee of \$150.



The recommended device is a Lenovo 500E Chromebook (Gen 3), which we have been able to secure through competitive volume pricing through Learning With Technologies. The device has the performance to complete the required tasks during day to day activities, has a convertible touch screen suitable for using Android Apps through Google Play, includes a garaged stylus, has reinforced bumpers and hinges to protect against drops and bumps, includes front and rear facing cameras, and has a battery life to last 1 to 3 days of usage at school.

Whilst not the cheapest Chromebook on the market nor the flashiest, the Lenovo 500E has been deemed the most suitable for our context by considering the balance of performance, educational features and durability.

Each Lenovo 500e Chromebook purchased includes 1 Chrome Management Licence valued at \$60. This licence is necessary for every Chromebook connected to the St Mary's network and ensures that the fleet of devices can be managed securely and effectively. This service will still allow students to log into the device at home, but they will only be allowed to use their issued St Mary's Google for Education accounts (minors under the age of 13 are not permitted to have standard issued Google accounts).

All Chromebooks purchased also include extended warranty service and support from the school for up to 4 years or for the duration of the student's enrolment period (whichever ends first). This service protects the device in the case of a repair required from a mechanical or software fault, and also includes a device-loan program for students whilst their allocated Chromebook is being assessed and repaired. Please note that intentional damage, accidental damage, or neglect / misuse of the device which results in mechanical or software faults are not included in this warranty service and support. Expenses for parts or labour could be incurred by families in these circumstances.

It is an expectation that students bring their Chromebooks in their school bag on each day that it is required, and they should use a protective case at all times when transporting the device to and from school or around to classes. A protective hard case can be purchased from Learning



With Technologies if desired when placing orders for Chromebooks. Students are also encouraged to have access to a personal set of headphones / earphones, and these can also be ordered from the website.

The cost of the Lenovo 500E Chromebook in 2024 is an outright purchase of \$558.01 inc GST. Purchasing the Chromebook is a once off cost for families, and the device can be taken with students from year to year.

**Below is a summary of the options towards providing one-to-one access for students in 2024.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Option 1</b> (For 2024 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 students)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Option 2</b> (For 2024 Year 6 students ONLY)</p>
<p>&gt; Purchase a Lenovo 500E at \$558.01, which includes the Chrome Management Licence and in school support for the duration of student enrolment. The device is owned outright by families.</p>	<p>&gt; Rent a used school owned device for \$150, per year. The device can be taken home, however must be returned at the end of the enrolment period. The rental fee is applied to the school statement at the start of the year.</p>

**ACTION REQUIRED BEFORE FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**Chromebook orders will close on the above date to guarantee delivery to the school for a smooth start to the program in Term 1 2024.**

Please read all the information regarding the one-to-one laptop program.

**Option 1) - Available for all Year 3 to Year 6 students, purchase a new Lenovo 500E chromebook.**

Orders can be secured by immediate payment, lay-by, or payment plan.

All orders are processed on the Learning With Technologies order portal. Go to <https://smstkildaeast.orderportal.com.au/>

- Lenovo 500e Chromebook (\$558.01)
- Carry Case (optional \$27.92)
- Headphones (optional \$17.90)

A confirmation will be forwarded to you upon placing an order. Your child's Chromebook will be purchased, configured and delivered to the school for the start of 2024.

**Option 2) - For 2024 Year 6 students only, rent a used device from the school for \$150 per year.**

Families who rented in 2023 will automatically be issued a rental for 2024.

If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards,  
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**Deputy Principal**