

BYOC PROGRAM INFORMATION 2019

The Program - Bring Your Own Chromebook

All students that opt into the program are required to have a Chromebook for the beginning of the 2019 school year.

The Device - Google Chromebook

A Chromebook runs on Google's web-based Chrome Operating System, which is designed to be used with an Internet connection. Most of the Chromebook's documents and apps exist in the cloud. At Oatlands Primary School, we manage our own Google Domain where students have access to a range of Google Apps for Education including: Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets and Google Forms.

Benefits of a Chromebook

- Won't slow down over time or be made redundant by new operating systems
- No actual setup of software required, just log in with your Google account
- Starts up in seconds - no long load times for software updates or downloads
- Cost effective - being web-based means no app purchases required

Classroom benefits

- Long battery life (approximately 8 hours)
- Ergonomics - better posture when sitting with a laptop device
- App reliability - Google Apps, Mathletics, Sunshine Online will run effectively online

Purchasing a Chromebook

You have different options when deciding on which Chromebook to purchase or lease, including:

- **Oatlands Order Portal:** <http://oatlandsps.orderportal.com.au/>
Through this portal you have the option of purchasing outright or buying through finance. If you opt to go through this portal, all payments are conducted through the company Learning With Technology (LWT). The device will be delivered and available for you to pick up from Oatlands Primary School. Any maintenance or repairs to the device can also be completed at Oatlands Primary School.
- **External:** You may choose to purchase a device through an external company such as Officeworks, Kogan or JB Hi Fi. Any repairs or maintenance will be arranged through their company and take place at their store. Oatlands Primary School will not be able to support or follow up any repairs required that are arranged outside of LWT.

FAQs

Q: Why Chromebooks?

A: Chromebooks have inbuilt management through the Google Apps admin console, making them easy to manage across the entire school. They offer the benefit of having both keyboard and touch screen functionality.

Q: Are they reliable?

A: Yes. As Chromebooks have inbuilt management through the Google Apps Admin console, they enable safe and secure browsing and access to the internet or web-based applications. Chromebooks also boast a 7-9 hour battery life, therefore can be relied upon to last an entire school day. As Chromebooks are web-based, they don't require regular software updates, nor will they slow down over time.

Q: I already have an iPad/tablet/laptop, can't my child use that?

A: No. All students who opt into BYOC program are required to use a Chromebook device. Many devices such as android devices, are not compatible with the Education Department's wifi accessibility. All year levels at Oatlands Primary School use Chromebooks, this provides consistency and reliability for our program.

Q: How do the students use their devices in the classroom?

A: The BYOC program enables students to integrate the use of their Chromebook into all teaching and learning programs. Students are able to use their device to support their learning during Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry sessions, as well as specialist programs.

Q: Do I need to purchase/lease a Chromebook through the school online portal?

A: No. We have partnered with Learning With Technologies (LWT) to provide purchase and finance options on devices that we have shortlisted. If you opt to purchase/finance through LWT, should you need your device repaired, this can take place at school. If you purchase externally, you will need to ensure you have arranged a warranty and adequate insurance.

Q: Does my Chromebook need to be touchscreen?

A: No. Chromebooks that offer the dual functionality of a touch screen come at a higher price. Your child's device does not require touch screen functionality, they will still be able to complete and access all learning to the same level of a device without a touch screen.

Q: How do I purchase a device through the Oatlands Order Portal?

A: You can access the Learning With Technologies Oatlands Order Portal through this website:
<http://oatlandsps.orderportal.com.au/>

Q: When do I need to have a Chromebook by?

A: Students who opt into the program are expected to have a Chromebook at school by the end of Term 1 2019.

Q: What do I do when my Chromebook arrives?

A: Nothing! Once your Chromebook arrives, all you need to do is turn it on! There is no set-up or software download required. Students can log in straight away using their school Oatlands Primary School Google login.

Q: What does the warranty cover?

A: Generally speaking, only the hardware is covered by warranty against manufacturer fault. Software and physical damage are not covered by warranty. The warranty can vary depending on the brand of Chromebook you have purchased.

Q: Do I need additional insurance?

A: It is your choice to purchase additional insurance, however it is highly recommended as it can help lock in costs and ensure quicker onsite repair. Additional insurance may be required for the battery, charger or device itself. For further information please see the product disclosure statement of the brand of Chromebook you wish to purchase.

Q: What if my Chromebook is damaged and I don't have insurance?

A: You will be required to obtain a quote and repair cost for fixing the damage.

Q: I am having software issues with my Chromebook, what do I do?

A: First step is to seek support from our onsite technician who is located in the Technology room. Our technician can then supply IT support or advice to resolve the problem.

Q: What if I choose to opt out of the BYOC program, will you provide my child with a device?

A: If you choose to opt of the BYOC program, you child will be provided with access to digital technology at point of need. No students will miss out on learning opportunities should they not have their own device, however, Oatlands Primary School does not provided 1:1 devices for students who opt out of the program. If there are extenuating financial circumstances please contact your classroom teacher or a member of the Technology team to discuss your available options.

