



**Carey**  
Baptist  
College  
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## Chromebook and BYOD Information 2022

Carey Baptist College is committed to creating and maintaining an optimal learning environment for all students. This requires us to stay abreast of technological change to ensure the Carey learning experience is flexible, rigorous and safe. One of our biggest challenges is managing the digital world of our students. Internet access is now critically important for all our students, but unmanaged access is unsafe and unproductive. Technology is also expensive, and we are sensitive to the fact that we have a responsibility to manage our resources well.

### Years 7 -9 Chromebook Program

Year 7 – Year 9 students will be issued with a Chromebook. Each student will be charged an annual ‘Technology Levy’ for three years, which will contribute to the purchase price of the Chromebook, insurance, licensing and preinstalled applications. The Chromebook will remain the property of the College until all Technology Levies are paid in full. New students joining the College in Year 7 after Term 1 may be issued with a used Chromebook. The Technology Levy will apply from the start date and will be calculated pro-rata on a weekly basis. Students will be issued their Chromebooks at the start of Term 1.

### Damage/Repairs Years 7-9

Students are expected to take all reasonable steps in caring for the issued Chromebooks. The Technology Levy includes low-level insurance and software licensing. The Year 7 and Year 8 levy includes one (1) accidental damage repair per year. Should a Chromebook be damaged, repairs or replacement will be managed by the Carey ICT Team. All repairs not covered by insurance will be charged to the tuition fee account. The maximum charge for any repair will be the same as the annual Technology Levy. A loan Chromebook may be offered during the repair period. Students are expected to take the same care of the loan Chromebook. If the Chromebook is non-repairable a used Chromebook may be provided as a replacement, otherwise, it will be replaced with a new one. If it is replaced with a new one, a three-year period of the annual Technology Levy will commence from the replacement date.

### New Students (Years 7-9)

New students joining the College in Years 7- 9 may be issued with a used Chromebook. The Technology Levy will apply from the student’s start date and will be calculated pro-rata on a weekly basis.

### Year 10

For students in Year 10, a modified BYOD policy applies, which requires students to supply their own Apple device with a screen size of at least 9.7-inches or they can continue to use their Chromebook. The responsibility for the care and management of the device lies solely with the student and their family. The College does not provide insurance for BYOD\* devices.

### Acceptable Use

As the device is a tool for learning, its use in the classroom will be at the discretion of teachers. All use is subject to the ICT Agreement that has been signed by students and families. Students are expected to abide by the terms of this agreement at all times. The College ICT Agreement applies for use of any device used on campus. Once the signed ICT Agreement has been returned to the College, the ICT Department will allow individual students access to the College network on their own device.

- For existing students, no action is required, as the College has a signed ICT Agreement on file.
- New students to the College will be required to return the signed ICT Agreement.
- Where the ICT Policy is updated, families will be required to sign necessary changes.

\*BYOD = Bring Your Own Device

# BYOD Computer Recommendations

## Chromebooks

In most cases, we think that a Chromebook works just fine for the student. The quality of a Chromebook is often different per brand and per model. Our advice would be to stay with ASUS or DELL; however, parents can shop around and see if there are student or education deals around.

Things to keep in mind:

- Students can continue using their Chromebooks from Year 9
- Chromebooks with a touchscreen can be useful to some students (but it's optional)
- Stay away from the 'flip' Chromebooks/tablets. There is not much extra value for money.
- Don't spend too much on the Chromebook. Keep a budget of around \$700 as a maximum. If you spend more than that, you might as well look for a MacBook Air M1.

Please note that students who choose to study specialist subjects like Media, Photography, Robotics and Art will have access to powerful i-Mac computers in the new computer lab. Students will use these computers in class and can also request access to them at break times in order to finish their work. If students study these subjects and would prefer to work on their projects at home, we recommend the following products:

## Apple

Things to keep in mind:

- Ideal for students who are studying Media, Design Photography, Art (digital) and Robotics.
- Our recommendation would be an **Apple MacBook Air M1** with 256GB Storage and 8GB RAM OR the **MacBook Pro 13"**.
- If students are doing a lot of big projects using big video files, they might need to upgrade to more storage - Apple MacBook Air M1 with 512 GB Storage and 8GB RAM.

Please make sure you are buying a MacBook or a Chromebook - not a Windows PC / Laptop / surface.

For any enquiries regarding Chromebooks please contact [chromebookhelpdesk@carey.wa.edu.au](mailto:chromebookhelpdesk@carey.wa.edu.au) .

If you have any queries about the BYOD program, please contact Peter Fallon on [pfallon@carey.wa.edu.au](mailto:pfallon@carey.wa.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

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