

2023 Years 7 to 12 Chromebook and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information

At Carey, we're 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.

2023 Years 7-9 Chromebook Program

Year 7 students will be issued with a new Chromebook at the start of Term 1. Year 8 and 9 students will continue to use their existing Chromebooks. Each student will be charged an annual Technology Levy, which will contribute to the purchase price of the Chromebook, insurance, licensing and preinstalled applications. The Chromebook program will cease at the end of Year 10. However, for students in Year 8 and 9 in 2023, the Technology Levy when they reach Year 10 will only be for a replacement battery – please refer to the Fee Schedule each year. The Chromebook will remain the property of the College until all Technology Levies are paid in full.

Years 7-9 Damage/Repairs

Students are expected to take all reasonable steps in caring for the issued Chromebooks. The Technology Levy includes low-level insurance and software licensing and one accidental damage repair per year. Should a Chromebook be damaged, repairs or replacement will be managed by the Carey Information Communication Technology (ICT) Team. If a repair is not covered by insurance, an invoice will be issued. 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. If their Chromebook is non-repairable, a used Chromebook may be provided as a replacement. Alternatively, if it is replaced with a new one, a four-year period of the annual Technology Levy will commence from the replacement year.

New Students

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

Years 10-12 Modified BYOD policy

In 2023, for students in Years 10-12, 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. If they would like their Chromebook battery replaced, this can be arranged via a low fee through the ICT office. From 2024, all Year 10 students will be required to use their Chromebooks.

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.

For any enquiries regarding Chromebooks, please contact chromebookhelpdesk@carey.wa.edu.au