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

UPDATE: A new document for 2025 is being drafted. This document will be made available in September or October 2024.

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 Year 7 | 4-year Chromebook Program (year 7-10)
Year 7 Students will be issued with a Chromebook at the start of Term 1. Each student will be charged an annual Technology Levy for four years, 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. The Chromebook will remain the property of the College until all Technology Levies are paid in full.

2023 Year 8 and 2023 Year 9 students will continue to use their existing Chromebooks. New students joining in these years may be issued a used Chromebook. The Technology Levy will apply from the start date and will be calculated pro-rata on a weekly basis. Note: this program started in 2021 or 2022 and both will finish at the end of Year 9.

Damage/Repairs Years 7-9
Students are expected to take all reasonable steps in caring for the issued Chromebooks. This also means; charge your Chromebook at home, every night and keep your Chromebook clean (no stickers, writing or markings of any kind). The Technology Levy includes low-level insurance and software licensing and one accidental damage repair per year. Should a Chromebook be damaged, the 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 where available. 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.

2023 Year 10 and 2023 Year 11
For these students, 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.

Our current Year 10 – 11 – 12 – BYOD Recommendations for 2024

BYO Chromebook

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.

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 is optional).
- Don't spend too much on the Chromebook. Keep a budget of around $700 as a maximum. If you spend more than that, you may want to consider a MacBook Air (M2/M3).

BYO Apple MacBook

Students who choose to study specialist subjects like Media, Photography and Art will have access to Apple iMac computers in the 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 product: Apple M2/M3 MacBook Air with 256 or 512GB SSD and 8 or 16GB Ram.

Things to keep in mind:
- Ideal for students who are studying Media, Design Photography and Art (digital).
- If you need more power, you can always upgrade to a MacBook Pro model. In most cases, this is only needed for students who do (large) video projects and the like.

Carey does not support Windows PC / Laptop / Surface - Only Chromebook or MacBook

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