



## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

In order to best access student software and Internet resources in 2021 students are required to bring their own laptop device for use at school and at home.

Newcomb Secondary College students will have access to a **free of charge** software suite of over 50 educational titles including MS Office 2016, Virus Protection and a variety of other subject related apps and software. This software will be installed free of charge and will be updated via our school network when logged on as a student.

While at school student devices will access the school network via the school's wireless connection. Home network and Internet access is the responsibility of the student and their family.

You can purchase your own device, making sure it meets the specifications listed below or use the Learning with Technologies portal (link below). Unfortunately, while we will continue to source 2<sup>nd</sup> hand laptops for students, we were not able to and therefore don't have any at this time.

Both Windows and Chromebook laptops are acceptable for student to purchase.

### Minimum Windows Computer Specifications

Recommended Core I5 Processor (or a min. of Celeron Processor)  
Recommended 8GB of RAM (or a minimum of 4GB)  
Recommended 250GB Hard Drive (or a minimum of 128GB)

### Chromebook Specifications

There is no minimum requirement for Chromebooks

Some cheaper devices have a Hard Drive of less than 70GB and are intended for use with Cloud-based storage so are **unsuitable** as they are unable to have school software installed.

### Learning with Technologies Portal



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There are several options of Windows devices or Chromebooks to choose from, just follow the link below.

<https://newcombsc.orderportal.com.au/Welcome?ofid=1735&eid=728&DTID=793>

There is an option to use Zip Pay on the LWT Portal. This is an affordable way for parents to pay their child's device off over 12 months. You need to be earning or receiving \$300 in income a month to be eligible and it can cost as little as \$37 per month depending on the device you choose.



### NILS (No interest Loan Scheme)

**Good Shepherd** offer a No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) a community focused initiative of Good Shepherd. To apply for a (NILS) No Interest Loan go to: <https://nils.com.au/> for more details.



#### What can I use NILS for?

Loans are available for the purchase of essential goods and services

##### These may include:

- ✓ Household items like fridges, washing machines, TVs and furniture
- ✓ Medical procedures and dental services
- ✓ Education essentials such as computers and text books
- ✓ Car repairs or registration
- ✓ Some other items as requested

##### Does not include:

- ✗ Food
- ✗ Rent
- ✗ Bills
- ✗ Cash
- ✗ Debts

Please contact us if you need support or assistance in providing a device for your child, we're here to help and want our students to be ready to learn with the correct technology. Contact us on 5248 1400 or at [newcomb.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newcomb.sc@education.vic.gov.au).