



# BYOd at Tully SHS 2020

## (For students in years 11 & 12 in 2020)



### ▪ **What is BYOd?**

BYOd stands for **Bring Your Own device**. It is a scheme designed to allow Year 11 & 12 students at Tully State High School to have access to digital learning every lesson.

### ▪ **Why BYOd?**

To sustain the success of the Tully SHS 1:1 mobile devices policy in years 11 & 12. This policy has allowed each senior student to have a mobile computing device available for use each lesson. We recognise the value of 1:1 as a vehicle to connect our students to contemporary education resources and techniques that inspire educational excellence for all learners.

## **Option 1: BYOd 2020 (recommended)**

**Students bring a device of the recommended minimum specifications that is maintained by the student/parents including all maintenance and repairs.**

The school's best advice to ensure that effective digital learning occurs at Tully State High is that the device must be a laptop, notebook or tablet (with attachable keyboard) that meets the minimum device specifications listed below:

The recommended device minimum specifications for students in general studies:

- **Laptop/ Tablet PC (with attachable keyboard) running Windows 10 or later**
- **Processor:**... Intel Core i3, i5 or i7 1.7 GHz (or better) 64-bit capable (**Not AMD, Intel Celeron, Pentium, Atom or Core M**) (**Macintosh Laptop** - any model that runs the latest Mac OS X and MS Office)
- **Installed Memory (RAM):** 4GB Memory
- **Display:**..... 11" screen
- **Hard Disk Drive:** 256 GB
- **Network adapters/Wi-Fi:** cable: 1000Mbps Wireless: IEEE 802.11ac
- **Antivirus:** Microsoft Security Essentials, AVG or similar free software, or a recognised commercial antivirus product (e.g. Norton, McAfee).



**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: HARD CASE, EXTENDED WARRANTY & INSURANCE**

**Note: if the student is studying industrial design or media subjects a Core i5 or better processor with 8GB of RAM would be more appropriate.**

## Option 2: Continued rental / use of CFS in 2020

The CFS (Computers For Students) Program is continuing in a modified form for 2020 with a yearly lease price of \$60. The machines are out of warranty and most are more than 5 years old. This means any damage is expensive to fix.

More information is available on the school website: [www.tullyshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.tullyshs.eq.edu.au)  
(click on "Support and resources" then "BYOd information for parents")

Tully SHS recommends the purchase of a standard device which meets the school's minimum specifications.

Schools are busy and crowded places where accidents can happen, which is why the school **STRONGLY** recommends the purchase of a protective hard case for your device, extended warranty as well as accidental damage insurance.

Student devices remain property of the student, with the school taking no responsibility for loss or accidental damage.

Families are encouraged to protect their investment, meaning a comprehensive warranty and insurance policy is much better value than buying an expensive top end machine.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What do I buy?**

A device that has the minimum requirements as detailed overleaf.

- **Can I buy a MacBook / Macintosh Laptop?**

Yes, as long as it meets the minimum Hard Disk and Installed Memory requirements detailed overleaf and is capable of running the latest Mac OS X and MS Office. However, be advised that there can be adverse issues when using a MacBook/Macintosh laptop in the school's network environment.

- **Can I buy a tablet?**

Yes, provided it meets the minimum requirements as detailed overleaf, has an attachable keyboard and can operate Microsoft Office 2016 or 365.

- **What if I have a device and it doesn't meet the minimum specifications?**

If a device does not meet the minimum specifications then it won't be able to run the computer programs necessary or may not be able to access the internet or other computer services. You must have a device that meets the minimum specifications as detailed.

- **What If I cannot afford to purchase my child a laptop?**

Your child may utilise Option 2 → rental of a CFS (computer for students) laptop from Tully SHS is available in 2020 but be reminded that these laptops are more than 5 years old and out of warranty.

- ***Will my child be penalised if they don't have a BYOd?***

No, other tools like pens, exercise books and textbooks still have a place in the classroom. However, the school aims to prepare students for the world of work which is now more heavily dependent on technology. The curriculum is changing and technology devices are a tool used in teaching and learning. The school recommends to parents/carers that they provide a device for students to use at school.

- ***Are there any costs are involved to access the BYOd Wi-Fi at school?*** There are no additional costs for BYOd Wi-Fi in 2020.

- ***Will a \$300 laptop be good enough?***

The specifications of cheaper laptops often don't meet the minimum specifications required to operate on the schools network (learning drive) and run the programs required. It is essential to check the specifications outlined on this flier before purchasing.

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