

# TURRAMURRA

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## HIGH SCHOOL

### Device requirement for Turramurra High School

Turramurra High School has undergone an evolution in teaching and learning over the past three years. Part of this evolution has been the introduction of collaborative online tools and programs such as Google Apps for Education, and Microsoft 365. These tools are allowing teachers to provide a richer and more engaging learning experience, providing the students with the opportunity to gain skills that are essential in a modern world. To engage effectively in the learning process, students will require a personal device.

The Technology Team at Turramurra High School, have developed a document outlining the minimum requirements for devices used by students. This can be found on the school website at the following address: <http://www.turramurrahighschool.com.au/content/student-devices>

The school now expects every student to have a device that adheres to the minimum requirements outlined in the document stated above. To assist with the cost to families with more than one child at the school we have set the following timeline for students:

**Year 7** – Week 5 of Term 1

**Year 8** – Week 1 of Term 3

**Year 9** – Week 1 of Term 2

If your child is unable to access a device by the time indicated above, then please contact the school and we will work with you to arrange a solution.

**Years 10, 11 and 12** should already be using their devices in class.

**Ideally, we would like all students to be bringing their device to school as soon as possible.**

***Please note that all students enrolled in public schools have a single user license to install Microsoft Windows 10 as well as Microsoft Office 2016 on their own device. Students also have yearly subscription to Adobe Cloud which includes a variety of Adobe products such as Photoshop and Premiere, a subscription to Microsoft 365, and access to Google Suite with access to most Google for Education products as well as unlimited cloud storage. All these are provided at no cost to the student.***

Please be aware that there are devices available which allow for pen input. While they can be very useful for subjects such as mathematics and visual arts and assist in keeping hand written notes/diagrams and typed text together, they can be very expensive and appropriate protection must be considered.

If you are considering purchasing such a device, then there are some products on the market that convert from a laptop to a tablet and include a stylus for handwritten input. These might be more appropriate for a school setting.

A limited number of laptop lockers are available through the school library for storing devices.

The IT team provides support to connect devices to the school wireless network but only limited support can be provided for individual issues with student devices. Also, students do not have access to the network drives or printers at school through their personal devices.

*THS Technology Team*