
From the Principal



23 November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to you regarding our ICT (Information and Communication Technology) policy for students at our school.

In 2016 we engaged educational ICT experts, Dancrai, to look at furthering our educators and learners' skills in this area. As recommended by Dancrai, we updated our policy to reflect the growing needs of our learners and to ensure a high-quality understanding of ICT is achieved in their school years.

From the beginning of 2018 we have introduced the Office 365 suite of programs and opportunities. This includes the full Microsoft Office suite for all students and staff. Office 365 includes a cloud-based system that enables teachers and students to connect, collaborate and create in real time. Students will be able to start a document at school and then switch between devices and continue working on the same document in a different location or device. It also provides greater opportunities for students to collaborate on tasks together. There are a number of possibilities that Office 365 can provide and we are looking forward to learning more about Office 365 to enhance the learning of our students.

In order to take advantage of the education advantages provided by our use of Office 365 in the classroom it is important that students have access to the right device for their learning needs. Our Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) Programme requires students in Years 4, 5 and 6 to have an iPad and students in Years 7-12 require a laptop.

Whilst we will not be saying that students need a particular device, we do have minimum specifications that are outlined in the attached sheet.

So what does this mean for your child?

- Students in Kindergarten to Year 3 will continue to use school-owned iPads in a shared arrangement with other students.
- Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 are to have an individually owned (BYODD) iPad.
- Students in Years 7-12 are to have an individually owned (BYODD) laptop.

We are mindful of the significant financial sacrifices that many Scone Grammar School parents make and the significant cost of purchasing technology. We are hoping that many families who did not purchase a device in 2017 may be able to use the Christmas season as a possibility for facilitating this purchase.

Scone Grammar School has appointed CompNow as the school's BYODD provider. CompNow provide an online portal to help facilitate the process of purchasing a new device by offering a range of devices that meets the minimum specifications set by the school, at competitive pricing. Prices on the portal include educational discounts which may not be available via other providers.

In addition to competitive pricing, the portal also includes the recommended 3-year onsite warranty and accidental damage protection (ADP) which may not be offered by third parties. Please note that the Microsoft Surface Pros require you to make one of two warranty selections (with and without ADP), while the MacBook Airs include the 3-year AppleCare+ warranty with ADP in the bundle (an extra charge if purchased by third parties).

The portal can be accessed at the following link:

<https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/sconegrammar>

You do not have to use this service, however, it does simplify the process for you. If you would prefer not to purchase a device via the BYODD portal, please ensure the device you select meets the minimum technical specifications (attached). Scone Grammar School highly recommends that you purchase a device with 3-year onsite warranty, and accidental damage protection (insurance).

For further information, or for purchasing assistance, please email joel.cooper@compnow.com.au or please call our the CompNow BYOD team on 02 9951 7979.

The following school staff can also be contacted for advice about the BYODD program:
Deanna Hollis, Head of Secondary
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We look forward to the students benefitting from this continued learning opportunity. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Smart
Principal

Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) Program iPad Minimum Technical Specifications – Years 4-6

Hardware Specifications

The device must meet all the following requirements:

Type of Device	iPad (full size – iPad minis are not permitted).
Screen size	Screen size of 9.7”.
Operating System	iOS 11.0 or later.
Wireless Compatibility ¹	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support (Dual Band Wireless), 802.11abgn, 802.11agn, 802.11ac or Gigabit Wireless.
Battery Life	Minimum of six hours.
Minimum specs	64GB storage.
Carry Case	A sturdy protective case or padded sleeve for transporting the device.

Software Specifications

The device must include the following software:

Web browser	Any of the following: Safari 7 Chrome Firefox
Software provided by the school ²	The full Microsoft Office suite including: Microsoft Word Microsoft Excel Microsoft Outlook Microsoft OneNote Microsoft OneDrive Microsoft Teams

¹ Please take special note of the Wireless Compatibility requirements. If you are unsure, consider purchasing a recommended device from the school portal.

² The school will provide this software through the Office 365 portal. Students will be able to download the software onto up to 5 personally owned computers.

Bring Your Own Device Programme

Laptop Minimum Technical Specifications

Hardware Specifications

The device must meet all the following requirements:

Type of Device	A laptop with a physical keyboard.
Screen size	Screen size between 11" and 14". Devices larger than 15" or smaller than 10" are unsuitable for school use.
Operating System	Any of the following: Microsoft Windows 10 or later. Apple Mac OSX 10.7 or later.
Wireless Compatibility ³	Device must have 5GHz 802.11n support (Dual Band Wireless), 802.11abgn, 802.11agn, 802.11ac or Gigabit Wireless.
Battery Life	Minimum of six hours.
Minimum specs	Windows or Mac Laptops: 8GB RAM, 128GB Solid State disk (SSD).
Carry Case	A sturdy protective case or padded sleeve for transporting the device.

Software Specifications

The device must include the following software:

Web browser	Any of the following: Chrome 70 or later Internet Explorer 11 or later Edge 44 or later Safari 12 or later
Software provided by the school ⁴	The full Microsoft Office suite including: Word Office 365 Excel Office 365 Outlook Office 365 OneNote Office 365 Teams Office 365
Security Software	Microsoft Windows Defender. ClamXav 2 Sentry (Mac).

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Other Considerations

Weight	A weight limit of 2 kg is advised as the device must be carried to and from school and from class to class during the day.
Support	Comprehensive warranty packages including onsite service are offered via the purchasing portal. Accidental loss and breakage insurance should also be considered, either via the purchasing portal or as an additional to home and contents insurance.
Accessories	Protective cover. External USB drive for backup. External mouse.

Using the Scone Grammar School BYODD portal

Step 1 – Who are you buying for?

Navigate to the school's dedicated store URL – i.e.

<https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/sconegrammar>

1. Add your child's full name
2. Choose their year level from the drop-down menu
3. Click the SELECT DEVICE button

If you are purchasing for more than one child, you will have the option to purchase for them later in the process.





Enter student details

Student Name: Year Level:

Step 2 – Select Bundle

1. Choose one of the bundles from the options shown.
2. Select from the optional choices (e.g. colour selection).
3. Click the SELECT DEVICE button.

Please select a device

			
Surface Pro 6 i5 128GB 8GB Win 10 Pro Black BUNDLE \$1,529.00	Surface Pro 6 i5 256GB 8GB Win 10 Pro BUNDLE \$1,916.00	Surface Pro 6 i7 256GB 8GB Win 10 Pro BUNDLE \$2,181.00	2017 MacBook Air 13.3" i5 1.8GHz 8GB RAM 128GB SSD BUNDLE \$1,555.00

Step 3 – Select Optional Accessories

1. Choose any optional accessories you wish to purchase from the options shown and click the ADD ACCESSORY button.
2. Repeat for adding additional accessories to your cart.

Please select any additional accessories



Apple
USB-C to USB Adapter
\$29.00



Targus Contego 4.0
13.3" Armoured Slipcase
\$49.00



LaCie
Porsche Design - 1TB
USB 3.0 Type-C Mobile HDD
\$120.00

Step 4 – Purchase for additional family members if required






1. If purchasing for another child, select the BUY FOR ANOTHER STUDENT button.
2. When all required items for all required family members have been added to the cart, click the COMPLETE ORDER button.



Step 4 – Finalise the order

1. Review your order and click the SHIPPING DETAILS button.
2. From here you can select School delivery or Home / Office delivery.
3. Click the CHECKOUT button to enter payment details and complete the order.

Please review your products

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	Surface Pro 6 i5 256GB 8GB Win 10 Pro + Type Cover + Pen Education Bundle Finish: Black Warranty: 3 Year Microsoft Extended Warranty Protection: None Selected	\$2,005.00 
	Targus 13.3" Contego 4.0 Armoured Slipcase	\$49.00 
Student Total		\$2,054.00
SUMMARY		
Total (inc GST)		\$2,054.00

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