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Kingsway Christian College's approach to student devices is a mixture of College owned 1:1 and BYOD devices to support effective educational and learning outcomes.

In the early primary years from Kindergarten to Year 2 the approach is a light technology touch using College iPad's. From Year 3 to 6 every student is provided with a College owned laptop which remains at school, for which Parents are charged an annual IT Levy across the school years, with the College retaining ownership of the laptop at the end of Year 6.

The implementation of the College owned devices in Years 3-6 has provided families with a much safer and educationally advantageous use of IT. It greatly reduces the stress placed on families when having to deal with device problems, such as viruses, as the devices are administered by the College.

Starting in 2026 the College will phase in a similar approach for Years 7 to 10, with every student in Year 7 being given a College owned laptop that can be used at home. Parents will be charged an annual IT Levy across four years (Years 7, 8, 9 & 10) to cover all associated costs including insurance up to the end of Year 9. Students will take ownership of the laptop from the start of their Year 10 studies, requiring the family to cover insurance expenses for that final year. The IT Levy in Year 10 will constitute the final payment for the laptop.

STUDENT DEVICE GUIDANCE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS in 2026

As the College is providing devices for students in Year 7, families are only required to provide a device for their child if they are in **Year 8 or above in 2026.**

Students in Year 7 will use their College provided laptop and students in Years 8 to 12 will use their own device (BYOD) at home and school each day, allowing them to develop skills, work habits, attitudes and expertise that will prepare them for success and help them to become efficient and effective life-long learners.

To simplify the decision-making process for those students requiring BYOD laptops, Kingsway Christian College has engaged with JB Hi-Fi Education for the supply and service of selected BYOD devices which meet the needs of our students. Ordering through the portal is a simple process.

How to access the Education Portal



- ➤ Use the QR code above or visit **byod.jbhifi.education**
- > and enter the code KCCBYOD26

You will then be able to choose your pickup or delivery option, device, accessories (e.g. bags or covers) and warranty.

Choosing to order through the Educational portal means you will have access to exclusive commercial grade warranty and pricing offerings, traditionally not made available to consumers when purchasing in-store at JB HiFi. It also means the Kingsway Christian College IT team can assist you with warranty claims and device replacement.

The portal contains a few Microsoft Surface device options, with a Surface Laptop being the recommended device suitable for use across their secondary years.

If choosing to purchase a device outside of the JB Education Portal, please ensure you follow the below recommendations. Also note that purchasing outside of the portal will mean you have access to less comprehensive warranty and replacement options.

NOTE REGARDING APPLE DEVICES

While Apple laptops can be used, we prefer Windows devices due to their better compatibility with our management system (Intune) and our staff's familiarity with them. These ensure a smoother experience and easier configuration and troubleshooting if the need arises.

Do Not Buy:

- Laptops with 128GB or less of hard disk space (storage)
- Laptops with less than 8GB of RAM (memory)
- Chromebook, of any kind (as you cannot install programs needed for school)
- iPads, as its operation and software differ from what teachers and the School expect students to use