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What type of machine can I use?
Any device that is running Windows 8.1 or Windows 10 as the base operating system, and is no smaller than 9.7 inch (screen) and no larger than 15.6 inch, will be suitable. It is recommended that the device has a keyboard and it must have sufficient battery life for the school day. The iPad will integrate with the system but may not be the most suitable device for VCE. iPads must be an iPad Air or above (iOS 10 or above and excludes iPad mini’s). Please refer to Middle School iPad FAQ’s and information booklet for further details.

Can I use a MacBook and how?
Yes, as long as the MAC is running Windows 8.1/Windows 10 on Boot Camp. The school cannot connect or support the OS X or Windows running on Parallels or VirtualBox. BootCamp is a free component of OS X and you will need to purchase Windows from a retail outlet, (shop or Internet) and install it using your home WIFI. The following link is a guide on how to do this.


What version of Windows do I need and how do I get it?
All BYOD machines in 2018 must be running Windows 8.1/Windows 10 as the base operating system. It does not matter which edition it is as long as it is not Windows RT / Windows 10 S. iPads must be running iOS 10 or above and cannot be Beta versions.

Does the school supply any software?
The Department of Education licences the following software for student BYOD use whilst attending the College.
- Microsoft Office 2013
- Arts students are also eligible for Adobe Creative Cloud.

What will the school support?
Glen Waverley Secondary College will be responsible for connecting your device to the network, Internet, school printers and storage areas. This can only be done if your machine is fully functioning and meets the listed device criteria.

Who do I see about warranty, insurance, OS and software problems?
Warranty – you should contact the retail outlet you purchased the machine from. Insurance – it is recommended that you contact your house / contents insurer to add it on. Software / OS – Any software including the operating system is the responsibility of the owner and should be referred to a computer specialist outside of the school.

Can I charge my notebook at school?
No, there are no facilities to charge your device at school. This should be done prior to coming to school.

What software do I need to purchase?
In addition to the software supplied by the school (please refer to Does the school supply any software?) Students may be required to purchase some subject specific software dependent upon subject selection. Parents will be notified where this is the case.

Do I need an Anti-virus and Anti-malware program?
Yes, Windows comes with Windows Defender which is an anti-virus and anti-malware program. You may choose to install a free or purchased anti-virus or anti-malware program, however these may interfere with the GWSC connection. These program must be kept up to date and regular scans of the device should be carried out.

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Will connecting my device to the school's network impact upon my home network connection?
The connection process to the GWSC network will not impact your home network connection.

Who is responsible for backing up my data and where do I backup to?
It is the students' families responsibility to keep current backups of your device. This should be done at home.

How many devices can I have connected to the school?
Only one device (which meets the listed criteria) per student can be connected to the School. Should you need to replace this device the new one can be connected however the old one will need to be brought into the Comms office to be removed from the network first.

Will students be able to access the Internet, network drives and print using their device at school?
Students will be able to access the College network drives and internet via wireless on their device at school. The internet connection is filtered (at school only), logged and limited and it is for educational purposes only. Updates should be undertaken at home. Printing will be available from student devices in the same fashion as all other computers in the College. The same charges will apply as for printing from a College owned computer.

How does the school support students to use their devices appropriately while at school?
The BYOD is covered by the GWSC eSmart and Digital Citizenship Policy and it is expected that as good digital citizens the students will use the device appropriately not only while in class, but at other times as well. The College sees the importance of working with families to ensure students have appropriate skills and strategies for participating responsibly in the global digital world. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Responsible Use Policy provides clear guidelines regarding appropriate computer usage within the school and can be viewed on our Web site. WWW.GWSC.VIC.EDU.AU

What are the limitations on personal use?
The device is owned by the student’s family, and they are thus able to use the device for any personal uses within the constraints of the College’s Digital Citizenship and Responsible Usage policies. These uses should not interfere with the use of the device at school. This would include ensuring adequate storage space was maintained, that no inappropriate material or software is put on the device, and the device is fully charged for daily use in the classroom.

How do I get my device connected to the school?
The arrangements for the connection of any new BYOD devices will be distributed to students early Term 1, 2018. Your device must be set to English Language for this connection and support to take place.

If my device is already connected to the network from the previous year do I need to reconnect?
No, your device will remain connected to the network unless you change or reimage your device or leave the school.