

John XXIII College BYOD Program

Software and Hardware

Software - What applications do I need?

Microsoft

As of January 2016, John XXIII College will be fully licensed for **Office 365**. This means that every student

- Is able to use the online web-based versions of Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc. This can be done on anything which has a web browser.
- Has personal cloud-based online storage of 1 Tb, accessible on all types of device.
- Is able to download the entire Office 2016 Suite and install it on up to 5 different machines - PCs, laptops (Windows or Mac) or tablets. There are specific iPad versions available too.

Adobe

We had earlier been told that our College licensing for the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite would also allow students to download this software for their own devices. This is not now the case. Instead, if a student requires this software, there is a [monthly subscription](#) available.

Hardware - What sort of laptop is recommended?

The minimum specifications outlined in the previous BYOD email will ensure adequate performance for the duration of Years 10, 11 and 12. There is no suggestion whatsoever that any particular brand or model of laptop be purchased.

However, the following guidelines may be helpful.

- The optimum screen size would be in the range 11" to 14".
- A touch screen – with stylus - may be useful for some applications.
- Look for a solid construction, good keyboard and touchpad.
- A price range of \$800 to \$1200 would provide sufficient performance and robustness.
- Typical connectivity for additional screen, USB ports and headphones is needed.

NOTE: Winthrop Australia, in partnership with John XXIII College, has created an [online portal](#) which enables the purchase of iPads, MacBooks and Lenovo Yogas. The portal offers substantial discounts and other benefits including extended warranty and leasing payment options.

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