



Pittwater House

Junior School “Bring Your Own Device” Program

In order to support the most innovative and effective teaching and learning experiences, Pittwater House offers a BYOD program for all of our Year 5 and 6 students.

The program involves:

- Students purchasing their own device (privately or through the School’s preferred partner, CompNow);
- Students will be provided a Microsoft Office 365 and a Google account to access Apps and cloud-based storage;
- Students and parents can access the learning platform, Canvas, for learning resources;
- The provision of cyber-safe tools and resources via our cyber-safe partners FamilyZone.

Student Responsibilities

Students are allowed to access the technology at school and they must complete the internet and ICT user agreement. They must take responsibility in:

- Ensuring devices are always charged each night and brought daily to all lessons.
- Ensuring they are protected with a suitable case and always handled with care.
- Ensuring that they back up their files using Office 365 OneDrive, and do not state ‘computer malfunction’ as an excuse for late submission of work.
- Each device has up-to-date virus software.

Purchasing

Recommendation – MacBook (any model)

The School recommends the purchase of a Macbook (Air or Pro). Please contact Chris Maker, Director of Learning Technologies, chris-maker@tphs.nsw.edu.au for guidance on device selection. There are two Macbook options on the portal. Both are suitable for students in Years 5 to 9. If students go onto select subjects in their Senior years requiring higher computing power like graphic design or digital music creation, then the higher specification model is recommended.

You are welcome to purchase the Macbook from any supplier, however it is highly recommended that you purchase one with 3-year onsite Apple Care warranty. It is important that you factor this in when comparing prices between suppliers. Compnow Portal Prices include AppleCare already in the price.

We have partnered with CompNow as our preferred Apple Mac reseller. They also have a selection of Windows laptops for your consideration.

The parent purchase portal can be accessed at: <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/pittwater-house>

There are many advantages to purchasing a Macbook through CompNow. These:

- Macbooks come with a 3-year onsite warranty;
- Macbooks are delivered to your house;
- Setup days on January 21 & 22, plus ongoing support.
- Repairs can be done at school during school hours;
- The IT Department provides a self-service portal for all school-related software. This makes installing new software very easy and minimises disruptions to learning;
- New software will be available via the self-service portal as required;
- Macbooks are robust devices that are rarely affected by viruses.

Additionally, we highly recommend that such devices are covered with optional accidental damage and loss insurance offered during the CompNow device order process or please consult your home and contents insurance provider for accidental damage and theft insurance for your child's personal devices.

Please also consider purchasing the STM Dux Case cover for the Macbook. Screens are the most vulnerable part to damage and the most expensive part to fix. These covers are definitely worth the cost.

Software

All software is supplied by the School. You do not need to purchase any additional software.

For students with Macbooks, we will make software available via the self-service portal (this portal will be ready for the start of the 2021 school year).

Students with Windows devices are able to self-install software as per the instructions outlined on the Student Portal.

For our productivity suite, we use Office 365, all students are entitled to an O365 license. This includes 1TB of cloud storage. We also supply Adobe products for students that require them for various subjects and we use many web-based learning tools. All of our software runs on both Mac and Windows.

Cyber Safety

We are a cyber-safe school. We partner with Line Wize by FamilyZone to provide resources for students and parents to assist in keeping our community safe. The program involves four key aspects:

1. A robust filtered internet connection whilst at school;
2. Cyber-safe learning experiences integrated into the School's wider educational program;
3. Spot Shield loaded on all devices to help manage and monitor internet usage;
4. Support for families: with information on current issues, support from cyber-experts and tools to help manage devices.

Please be aware that it will be mandatory for all students in the school to have Spot Shield by Family Zone loaded in order to join the network. You will receive from FamilyZone an account activation email. Additional information on the installation process and cybersafe tips is available on our cyber portal <https://www.familyzone.com/pittwaterhouse>.

Contact our Learning Technologies IT department if you have any questions about the devices and technical support on: Support@tphs.nsw.edu.au.

Please contact either Chris Maker (Technical) or Belinda Treloar (Teaching) if you have any questions or need further information about how the devices will be used in class.