



BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE

Student Laptop Program 2024

Note: We ask that you please read all the information and contact the College if you have questions. Please particularly note the following:

Finance:

- In line with the Department of Education and Training (DET) Parent Payment Policy, the College is unable to assist with Payment Plans.
- If families choose the 'Buy Now, Pay Later' option, please be aware that there are extra costs associated with that option.

Insurance:

- It is **HIGHLY** recommended insurance is included when purchasing to avoid costly repairs in the case of Accidental Damage. You will be asked at the time of purchase if insurance has not been selected that you understand this. Given students carry devices from school to home and across the campus accidental damage occurs often. Insurance will support the repair of the laptop and ensure your child is not without a device when the College is arranging repair for you.

1 to 1 Laptop Program

Please Note: We are NOT a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) School

Bellarine Secondary College currently has a 1 to 1 Laptop Program from Year 7 to 12 and see laptops as an essential tool to supporting student learning. This ensures the best possible access to information, communication and technology. Our aim is for all students to have access to a laptop. Bellarine Secondary College has the following options available.

OPTION 1: PURCHASE A DEVICE

Families may purchase a laptop **from our nominated supplier Learning with Technologies (LWT)** using the online portal: Use the following address or scan the QR code to access the portal:

<https://bellarine2024.orderportal.com.au>



The portal offers families various payment methods, including:

- payment in full
- layby
- payment via instalments
- finance options via Lattitude - extra costs associated

The portal provides families a range of devices at varying price points and with a variety of specifications. All laptops available through the portal satisfy the performance requirements that students require and includes options for **Accidental Damage Insurance*** and accessories.

Laptops purchased by the 19th December 2023 will be delivered to the school in January. Families can collect laptops prior to students commencing Year 7. Details for collection, including dates will be provided in Pack 2.

The advantages of purchasing a device via the portal:

- Repairs under warranty fixed onsite**
- Repairs with accidental damage insurance fixed onsite**
- All students have a similar device and on the same platform.

** Onsite repairs - A technician from LWT will be onsite twice weekly to conduct repairs on behalf of the manufacturer.

OPTION 2: BORROW AND RETURN A LAPTOP FROM THE LIBRARY EACH DAY

If families decide not to purchase a laptop via the portal your child will be provided a device to use for classes when required. Priority is given to devices required for tests but due to limited resources there may be times where students will need to share a device.

- Laptops cannot be taken home.
- Warranties are arranged by the school.
- Laptops are not new devices.
- Most homework can be accessed on a device from home. Where this is not possible teachers will provide hard copy homework.

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For further information on the use of the Department of Education and Training's (DET) Office 365 platform, Scan the QR code:



Frequent Asked Questions (FAQs)

Can we bring our own laptop? NO

The College has a well-established and very successful Laptop Program that is premised on all students having a common nominated device. This ensures the College, alongside LWT can provide the necessary support to ensure all students can access learning.

Our priority remains to ensure that your child is not without a laptop and therefore unable to access learning. A common device enables the college technicians to provide onsite and timely support to minimize disruption to learning. The common functionality and specifications ensure that IT technicians can provide the necessary technical support that may at times be needed.

The College's Laptop Program provides a consistent and common learning experience for all students, as all students will have the same specifications, software and common platform and have guaranteed access to the College Network.

If devices do require repairs or maintenance, students will be provided with a loan laptop to ensure they can continue to access the learning.

What if I can't afford a laptop?

DET's Parent Payment Policy does not allow schools to purchase laptops and arrange payment plans with parents. Families that do not purchase their own device will be provided with a **shared** laptop to utilize in classes that require access to a device.

Parents can begin payments immediately to avoid a lump sum payment and if the total is paid by December 19th 2023, the device can be collected prior to the first day in 2024. If not paid by this date the laptop will be sent to the College once full payment has been received and the College will notify you for collection.

If you want to discuss financial support, you can contact the College. We have limited community donations that can support families with purchasing a device and administration may be able to provide details for further support for eligible families.

What do I do if my child's laptop has a problem?

The College has onsite IT Technicians that can review and resolve the problem for your child. If the device requires repair under warranty, a loan device may be provided, and the ICT Technicians will arrange the warranty repair through Learning with Technologies. You will be notified via Compass once the repair has been completed. This ensures that your child will not be without a device whilst being repaired.

What do I do if my child's Laptop is accidentally damaged?

If a laptop is accidentally damaged, and insurance has been selected at the time of purchase, the College will work with Learning with Technologies to log an insurance claim for repair. An Excess for repair will be payable, if applicable, before any repair is carried out. A request for payment of the excess will come **directly** from LWT and paid directly to LWT. Payment will be required before any repairs are undertaken by the Vendor.

If Insurance was NOT selected at the time of purchase, a quote for repair will be sent directly from LWT. This cost will likely be significantly higher than the likely cost of excess if the device needs to be repaired.