

Frequently Asked Questions

BYOD Program

Do we have to buy the laptops on the Learning with technology portal? Can we buy a different one? Can we bring a laptop from home that has already been purchased?

You will find answers to these questions in our BYOD Program parent Information Booklet. This can be found on our website alongside the link for the LWT Portal and our Digital Learning Policy and User agreement:

https://www.dohertuscreekcollege.vic.edu.au/?page_id=1853

If choosing to bring a laptop that has already been purchased from home or a new one from a supplier other than LWT, please ensure it has the minimum specifications so that your child can access all of the learning apps and software.

The MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS for devices are:

- Intel Core I3 Generation 3 or higher
- 4-8 Gb ram (preferably 8Gb)
- 128 Gb Hard drive SSD or traditional moving parts SATA hard drive
- WiFi – must support 2.4Ghz wireless and preferably 5Ghz 802.11 Abgn WiFi
- Webcam
- USB ports x 2
- Support windows 10 or Mac OS 10.15

If the laptop is bought through LWT, it will be loaded with the Edustar image and delivered to the College where a collection time is arranged for families. These devices will have access to the Edustar suite of software as specified by DET at the time.

If a laptop is brought from home or another supplier, students will be required to bring the device to the ICT office for configuration of school resources and to provide access to the school network. They will be given access to the college Wi-Fi, DET software, such as Microsoft Office through an online “software centre” (the link and instructions for students to download and install their copy licenced by DET will be provided by the ICT technicians at this time). The student is required to ensure the device has anti-virus and security software installed at all times.

Can we bring iPads or only laptops

IPADS are used in our Primary years but not as part of the BYOD program. Our preferred device is a laptop, as this gives students the best access to the learning apps and software that is part of our program. As part of the specialist program, students will use school owned iPads to enhance their learning.

BYOD Portal: Learning with Technologies

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

Where will devices be kept?

Devices will be used both at home and school, students will take their device home each afternoon and bring them with them each day. Devices should come to school fully charged. Whilst the device is not being used at school it will be the students responsibility to have it locked securely away in their locker. It is the responsibility of families to provide a lock for the school lockers.

When will we be able to bring our devices to school?

Devices will be used by our Year 7-9 students only. The use of these devices by students will begin in 2022. Devices purchased prior to that will need to be kept at home, except for times allocated to have them imaged at school.

CAMPS and EXCURSION

Year 7 camp will be a 2 night/3 day camp. We are really excited to share more, and will communicate this with families as the finer details of camp are finalised.

Will there be any exchange programs in the future?

We will look at building partnerships and exchanges as our school grows.

BUILDING

What will our learning spaces look like?

Students will have a locker where they will keep their belongings. This will be secured with a lock brought from home or purchased through the booklist.

Laptops and pencil cases will be brought to each lesson.

Our learning spaces vary depending on their use, for example when using tools in the Maker Space, students will work in groups at tables. Students will be involved in collaborative learning groups with a variety of positive learning partners, these will change regularly.

At the beginning of the year, homegroup teachers will work in collaboration with students to design their own homegroup space that fits the needs of all learners. This will be modified and changed throughout the year as learning needs change. Our senior spaces are currently being retro fitted and we will organise for some virtual tours in Term 4 so that students and families can see the spaces.

Class sizes and numbers?

We currently have approximately 70 students enrolled to begin in Year 7 in 2022. We will have 3 year 7 classes at this stage. This may change depending on any future enrolments.

UNIFORM

Where can I get a uniform and who designed it?

Our school uniform is purchased from Noone and was designed in collaboration with our school community.

When will the uniform be available to purchase from Noone?

Shortly :) As a result of the pandemic and retail lockdowns, Noone is currently closed. Their website is being updated as we speak to include our secondary options and prices.

There is a sizing guide on the purchasing page and we are hoping (if restrictions permit) to organise fittings for our year 7 students at our school in Term 4.

You can access information and Noone's DCC Uniform portal here:

https://www.dohertyscreekcollege.vic.edu.au/?page_id=276