



## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

### Information for Parents and Students

We are excited to welcome you and your child to Lyndhurst Secondary College. Our BYOD program is an important element in individualising learning across all subject areas. It is a requirement that all students have a laptop/Chromebook at the start of their school year in 2024. Successful Lyndhurst Graduates are Technology savvy and ready to solve problems in the globalised world. This program ensures every student has 'anywhere, anytime' access to cutting edge learning resources. It will also allow teachers to engage students in quality e-learning activities in class, and ensure they are prepared to enter a technology-rich world. Additionally, with the combination of DET's eduPass solution and Microsoft Office 365 initiative, students will have free access to a catalogue of software to download and install on their personal machines.



## SUMMARY – WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Have a “device” that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements (see below).
2. Prepare the device for use at school. See ‘Preparing the device’ for details.
3. We expect all students to take full responsibility for their device. This includes bringing it to school in a sturdy case/bag, fully charged and ready for learning.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Below are the minimum device specifications that **MUST** be met if students intend to bring your own device for classroom usage:

- Wi-Fi operating speed of 5 GHZ to be able to operate on the College’s network.
- Minimum of Windows 10/Mac OS Sierra or later
- Suitable carry bag/case to protect the device to and from school.
- A battery life of at least 6 hours (students bring the device to school fully charged)
- Storage minimum 128GB and RAM 8GB

NOTE: **Android tablets DON’T** meet these requirements.

- Any device that meets the minimum requirements can be brought to school for use as part of this program.
- Please double check that the battery life meets the minimum requirements, as many older devices don’t have the capacity to last for a whole school day.
- It is highly recommended that you insure the device against theft, loss and accidental damage (possibly as part of your home/contents insurance). Please note that the College does not hold insurance to cover BYOD devices.
- It is not necessary for you to purchase Microsoft Office or anti-virus software, as this can be downloaded from the eduSTAR software catalogue.
- Please keep in mind that larger devices (screen sizes over 13”) can be cumbersome for students to carry, and students struggle to fit them on desks with their books. Weight is a serious issue when considering everything students must carry to school already.
- Students who do not wish to participate in the BYOD program can borrow a laptop for the day from the Library Resource Centre before school and must return it by the end of the day. These netbooks are NOT permitted to be taken home.

### SUPPLIERS

Parents may purchase a laptop from a retailer of their choice or bring an existing laptop from home that meets our **Minimum Requirements**. These specifications may be reviewed and updated due to constant advancements in technology.

The Department of Education and Training has a list of authorised suppliers for computers and hardware to schools. These are reputable companies that have been tested and approved by DET. The College has approached one of these suppliers to assist with the purchasing process by offering a number of computers for entry level, mid-level and advanced computers. Lyndhurst has no formal relationship with these vendors and receives no financial kickbacks.

Edunet has an ordering portal that has been specifically designed for school environments. The online portals are set up as a step-by-step system allowing you to select your device, accessories (if applicable), extended warranty and insurance. Both offer flexible payment methods and various shipping options to ensure you receive your purchase securely and in a timely manner. Please follow the link below to access the portal.

<https://lyndhurstsc.technologyportal.com.au/>

#### **PREPARING THE DEVICE**

- Ensure the device is functioning correctly, and your son/daughter is comfortable using it.
- Ensure there are no passwords which will prevent your son/daughter from using the computer, or changing its configuration (e.g., connecting to a wireless network).
- Remove any software (e.g., games) that might distract your son/daughter.
- Label the device with the student's name. It's usually best to put an identification sticker below the keyboard, and another on the outside of the lid.
- Ensure the device is fully charged before each school day.

#### **USING THE DEVICE**

The school's IT technicians will be available before school, recess, lunch and afterschool in the office behind L1 to:

- Issue students with their eduPass username and password
- Help students connect to the school's wireless network
- Record the details of each student's device

Once students have their eduPass username and password, they will be able to download and install Microsoft Office and anti-virus software on their computer. This can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.edustar.vic.edu.au/Catalogue/Pages/SoftwareHome.aspx>

IT support is available for students before school, recess, lunch and after school in the office behind L1. If you have any further questions or would like to discuss the technical details of what is changed on students' computers, please contact the school on (03) 5996 0144.

## Edunet Option 1: Lenovo 500w Gen4

**\*\* Minimum Package Price after school addons \$719.09 \*\***

**\*\* School Subsidy of \$207.17 has been applied to this Pack Price \*\***

Lyndhurst Secondary College provide a subsidy for families ordering their BYOD device through the Edunet Portal. This subsidy covers the cost of the Lenovo Accidental Damage Plan (ADP), a laptop bag and the Handling Fee. The ADP will automatically be added to your cart once a device is selected, you will then be required to select the bag of your choice. The school funded subsidy/contribution will be automatically applied to your cart.

### Why Buy This Laptop?

Lenovo's 500w Gen 4 has a larger screen than its predecessor at 12.2". It also has EduSPEC certification, which means it's more durable to handle life in the schoolbag with toughened glass and a reinforced chassis. The 500w has a touch screen, stylus pen and folds into tablet mode. The storage for this device is 128GB SSD.

This device is designed to handle Web Browsing and Word Documentation but will also handle basic graphical applications as well.

N100	Storage 128GB	RAM 8GB	12.2"
Touch Yes	Tablet Yes		
Accessories – Compulsory Items Lenovo 3 Year ADP with \$100 Excess			\$111.10
Australia Post Direct Delivery Service			\$0.00
Lenovo 3 Year PremiumCare Onsite Warranty			\$104.01



Order link – <https://lyndhurstsc.technologyportal.com.au>



### Option 3: BYOD – Families purchase a device from a store.

Families have the option to purchase a device from an electronic store, however there must be some minimum requirements for the device. It is **compulsory** for all students at Lyndhurst Secondary College to bring their own laptop to school as part of their essential booklist. The type of device is left to the parents'/carers' discretion but **cannot be a mobile phone due to DET regulations, or an iPad**. Where possible, required textbooks for each subject will be in a digital format. Using an IT device in conjunction with digital textbooks is very cost effective for parents when compared to the traditional textbook model.

Additionally, with the combination of the Department of Education's eduPass solution and Microsoft 365 initiative, students will have free access to a catalogue of software to download and install on their personal devices.

Students bringing their own devices must abide by the LSC College guidelines including:

Wi-Fi operating speed of 5 GHZ to be able to operate on the College's network.

Minimum of Windows 10/Mac OS Sierra or later

Suitable carry bag/case to protect the device to and from school.

A battery life of at least 6 hours (students bring the device to school fully charged)

Storage minimum 128GB and RAM 8GB

Families may choose to purchase a Chromebook (or use the one from primary school), however it will need to be configured to the Lyndhurst Secondary College network.

**\*Please note that the College is not responsible for repairing devices that are bought independently. Devices bought through Edunet receive warranty and service via Edunet. I.T staff will be available from Monday 22nd January to assist with logging on to new devices and connecting them to the LSC network. Please contact the school to make an appointment with our I.T. team.**