

# 1:1 Digital Device Program



## Frequently Asked Questions (Years 9 - 12)

### What is the 1:1 Digital Device Program?

The **1:1 Digital Device Program** is designed to enable students with the benefits of developmentally appropriate technology for learning. Digital Devices have proven to be highly valuable tools for enabling flexibility and collaboration for learning, as well as growing healthy digital citizenship values in students.

How it works:

1. All students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will have use of a school-owned device and will be taught digital literacy skills from the beginning of their educational journey. This device will remain secured overnight at school and is intended for school use only.
2. All students from Years 5 - 8 will be provided with a secure, portable Chromebook device. This device can be used both at school and at home, and will be purchased by families through the 'Digital Device Levy'.
3. We recognise that students from Years 9 - 12 require flexible, technological options to suit the learning needs of each individual. Families can choose a suitable device from the specification list provided, which allows affordable and varied options for each student's needs.

### Is participation in the 1:1 Digital Device Program compulsory?

Yes, we will require all students from Years 5 -12 to access daily a personal device while at school.

All students from Years 9-12 can choose a device that meets the specification list provided by the College. You can find the Specification List on the College website.

### Where can I purchase a device?

The College has partnered with an educational IT provider, 'Learning with Technologies', to give our families access to educational pricing with interest free finance options available. You can find the link to purchase through this provider on the College website in the 1:1 Digital Device Program tab located under Student Services.

Please note, families are free to source devices from any retail provider, provided the device fits the requirements in the specification list.

### Will my child be able to charge their device at school?

Students are expected to bring devices to school fully charged and ready for learning each day. As part of the goal of becoming excellent digital citizens, each student will be required to cultivate the habit of ensuring their devices are ready to go in the morning, often meaning an overnight charge.

### **What about the physical safety of the device at school?**

*It is strongly encouraged that parents purchase a robust protective cover for their child's device to guard against damage from everyday wear and tear. Parents are also advised to consider purchasing accidental coverage or including the device as a portable extra to their contents insurance.*

*Where damage is a result of mistreatment by another student, the College will deal with this situation in line with the Student Behavior Management Policy. However, this may not include the replacement of the device.*

### **What do I need to do to start using my device at the College?**

*To enable access to the College internet, a digital license certificate provided by 'Linewize' (the College internet filtering system) must be installed on your personal device. This ensures students' remain safe on the College network whilst at school only. This will be installed by the College IT Support team.*

### **Will my child's learning be solely completed on a device?**

*No, all digital devices will be used to enhance learning and will not replace effective, traditional teaching and learning practices.*

### **Can my child bring a mouse and accessories for their device?**

*Yes. Accessories that support learning are appropriate. Bluetooth earbuds will only be used for applicable tasks and students will be asked to remove these outside computer use times.*

### **Can my child bring their own headphones?**

*Yes. All students from Year 5 - Year 12 are required to purchase personal headphones. Please note, as above, bluetooth earbuds will only be used for applicable tasks and students will be asked to remove these outside computer use times.*

### **What software is required to be purchased?**

*Students in Year 9 - Year 12 will have access to Microsoft Office 365 suite, Google Educational Suite and the Adobe Creative Suite. Some additional software may be required for certain electives and this information will be communicated through class teachers, where required.*

### **What security filtering software will be used at school?**

*All devices that have been given access to the College network will be filtered by Securly, an internet filtering and content system. Securly keeps students safe whilst online through a cloud based web filter and AI-based scannings of email, Docs and Drive. This filtering system gives the College's IT Department visibility into our Students' online activity, sending notifications for signs of cyberbullying, suicide or nudity in images and any inappropriate activity.*

### **Do I need to install antivirus software?**

*The College recommends that students using Microsoft based devices have an up-to-date antivirus software installed e.g. McAfee, Norton, Trend etc. This software should be installed by each family, if desired.*

## What if we can't afford a new device?

The College has put a 1:1 transition phase in place to give families time to prepare for these exciting new changes.

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If your family has a suitable device in mind that your child can use, but it does not meet our specification list requirements, please contact our IT Support team to discuss specification flexibility at: [itsupport@sccollege.nsw.edu.au](mailto:itsupport@sccollege.nsw.edu.au)

We'd like to partner with parents during the transition to the 1:1 Digital Device Program, if you have any financial concerns, please get in touch with: [financialsupport@sccollege.nsw.edu.au](mailto:financialsupport@sccollege.nsw.edu.au).

## What are my next steps?

1. Refer to the Specification List. You can find the Specification List on the College website in the 1:1 Digital Device Program tab located under Student Services.
2. Purchase your new device from any retailer (in line with the specification list) or through our partnered provider, **Learning with Technologies**. You can find the link to purchase through this provider on the College website in the 1:1 Digital Device Program tab located under Student Services.
3. Read the 1:1 Digital Device Program Policy and Digital Citizenship Contract.
4. Sign and return your Digital Citizenship Contract to the College Administration Office.
5. Bring your device to school on the first day to have the digital license certificate provided by 'Linewize' installed by the College IT Support Team.