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Dear Families,

The time has come to start thinking about purchasing a new laptop for your child. The Eltham High School Specified Bring Your Own Device (SBYOD) program continues to run through the senior years, regardless of which subjects are being studied.

The warranty on the laptop purchased for the start of year 7 will expire at the end of three years, and the machine itself may be getting a little tired. Families are encouraged to purchase a new device to see their child through to the end of their year 12. If the current device is still running well and lasting the full school day on a single charge, please take it to the Helpdesk to be checked for its suitability for continued use.

Listed on the next page are the **only** devices that can be used with the full support of the Eltham High IT department. It is strongly recommended that families purchase one of these devices, as they are the only ones which will be able to fully embrace every educational opportunity provided at school. They are all a part of the Microsoft Surface Pro range, which continues to develop and improve with each iteration. They are thoroughly robust and dependable devices.

Eltham High has a preferred supplier, JB HiFi, who have put together Education bundles for us. These prices include a protective cover (mandatory in a school environment), keyboard and pen. Insurance is highly recommended, but optional. These laptops will be delivered to the school with all of the required software installed and fully connected to the school's wireless network.

If you choose to purchase one of our approved devices elsewhere, it will need to be brought to the Helpdesk to be imaged (receive the required software and wireless network access). This involves wiping the computer completely, so if there is any work already there, it will need to be backed up by the student or their family.



No other devices will be able to have the software installed, and only devices that meet our minimum requirements will be permitted to access the wifi at school. This minimum requirements list (see below) is designed to ensure that all students have access to computers which can be used in a variety of different ways, helping students to create, research and learn in flexible ways. Other devices will **not** receive any support from the Helpdesk, as we are a Microsoft Surface Pro school; our support team is focused on these devices.

Our teaching and student support staff have received training in the use of Surface Pros, and are able to assist students with their use should problems arise. It is unreasonable to expect teachers to be familiar with other machines, software or operating systems and it can be difficult to run class activities when not every student's machine has the following basic requirements. It is expected that every student will bring to classes a computer which:

- ◆ Is less than 3 years old
- ◆ Has Windows 10 (preferably Professional) installed
- ◆ Has a minimum of 4GB RAM
- ◆ Has 10-point touch technology
- ◆ Has a working, connected pen
- ◆ Is free from damage
- ◆ Does not have a SIM slot
- ◆ Has a minimum of 128GB SSD memory
- ◆ Has USB 3.0 support
- ◆ Has a physical keyboard
- ◆ Forward **and** rear facing cameras
- ◆ Weighs less than 2kg
- ◆ Has an expandable memory slot
- ◆ Has a magnetic, anti-trip charger

Please remember that this device is intended for school use; its selection is not for other purposes such as gaming, watching movies or use after year 12 has been completed. We are focused on providing every student with the best possible learning experiences.

If you have any queries which are not addressed in this brochure, or are thinking about purchasing a different computer, please contact the eLearning/ICT Leader, Natalie Heath via email at het@elthamhs.vic.edu.au **before** making any purchases to avoid future disappointment if it is not permitted at school.

Eltham High School has a range of strategies and community affiliations to assist parents experiencing financial difficulties. If you are concerned about this, the first step is to contact our Business Manager, Lauren Keenan at kez@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

For the 2019-2020 period, EHS will be continuing to use JBHiFi Education as our preferred supplier.
 To purchase your child's device, please visit <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

The password to access the portal is: **EHS2020**

Surface Pros ordered before 17/11/2019 should be available to collect from Eltham High before 20/12/2019
 Surface Pros ordered before 24/12/2019 should be available to collect from Eltham High by

Families will be notified when the laptops are ready for collection.

Note that the following bundle prices include the computer, charger, keyboard, Microsoft pen (stylus), full installation of all required software, including Windows 10 Professional, and connection to the Eltham High School wifi network.

Mobile-enabled devices with SIM card slots such as the Surface Pro X are NOT considered to be appropriate for school use and are NOT on the approved device list.

Laptop-Tablet Program Devices: Years 10-12, 2020

Microsoft Surface Pro 7
 Core i3, 128GB SSD, 4 GB RAM

All Surface Pro machines are light and conducive to a mobile workspace. They have a 12.3" HD screen, a Surface Pen (stylus) are equipped with Windows 10 Professional, enabling students to access all Microsoft applications.

*Bundle price in October 2019 is \$1,326.72**

Microsoft Surface Pro 7
 Core i5, 128GB SSD, 8 GB RAM

This model is similar to the Core i3, but has a more powerful processor. This increase in power however means a slightly less efficient battery charge.

*Bundle price in October 2019 is \$1511.99**

Microsoft Surface Pro 7
 Core i5, 256GB SSD, 8 GB RAM



This model is similar to the Core i3, but has a more powerful processor. It has double the storage capacity.

*Bundle price in October 2019 is \$1850.71**

Microsoft Surface Pro 7
 Core i7, 256GB SSD, 16 GB RAM

This model has four times the processing speed of the base model. Suitable for students who want to store all of their data on one device (i.e. large libraries of photos, videos or music), or students who engage in graphical pathways (drawing, design, photography or architecture).

*Bundle price in November 2019 is \$2,139.04**

***Bundle pricing**

These prices are correct at the time of publication, but fluctuations in the Australian Dollar might result in some changes. These will be reflected on the portal at the point of purchase. The bundle includes the computer, detachable keyboard, pen and protective case. Please check pricing carefully if considering purchasing elsewhere to ensure that these peripherals are included. Insurance is an additional but highly recommended cost, between \$140 and \$185 for three years, depending on the model selected.