

# Laptop-Tablet Program Years 7-9, 2021



Eltham  
High School

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Dear Families,

The time has come to purchase a laptop for your child. The Eltham High School Specified Bring Your Own Device (SBYOD) program runs through all year levels.

It is expected that the computer that is purchased in year 7 will last students until the end of year 9. After three years, the laptop will no longer be covered by insurance and will likely not be able to last all school day on a single battery charge. Ideally, each student would have one laptop for years 7-9 and then another for years 10-12. When the cost over three years is considered, it is just under \$600 per year (with insurance).

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. There is an option to purchase a Surface Go; this is offered to junior students only and families should be aware that it is significantly smaller than the rest of the Surface Pro range, with a considerably smaller keyboard.

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. These laptops will be delivered to the school with all of the required software installed and automatically connected to the school's wireless network. We recommend purchasing the extra year's warranty and accidental damage cover. Insurance is highly recommended, but would need to be organised independently by individual families.

If you choose to purchase one of our approved devices elsewhere, it will need to be brought to the Helpdesk in the library 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. You will need to purchase the protective cover, keyboard and pen separately if purchasing elsewhere, and check to ensure that there is a full replacement warranty included.



**No other devices** will be able to have the required 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 devices 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 flyer, or are thinking about purchasing a different computer, please contact the eLearning/ICT Leader, Natalie Heath via email at [het@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:het@elthamhs.vic.edu.au) before making any purchases to avoid future disappointment if it is not permitted at school.

EHS 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, Kristina Elvey at [ely@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:ely@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

For the 2020-2021 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: **EHS2021**

Families will be notified when the Surface Pros will be ready for collection. There will be one delivery in December 2020 (order by late November) and another in late January 2021 (order by late December).

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

*It is recommended that families purchase the extra year warranty and accidental damage cover.*

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 7-9, 2021



Microsoft Surface Go 2  
Intel Pentium m3, 128GB SSD,  
8 GB RAM

The Surface Go is a **much smaller version** of the Surface Pro. It has a **10.5" HD screen**, which is significantly smaller with a smaller keyboard. This base model is suitable for junior students and has a reasonable price point. This machine is suitable for all subjects throughout Years 7-9.  
*Bundle price in October 2020 is \$1,108.05\**

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 2020 is \$1,465.00\**

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 2020 is \$1621.03\**

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 2020 is \$2019.69\**

### \*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. The warranty options are only available through this portal and cannot be bought when purchasing from a retail store.*