

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: 2023 Student Laptop Program

Student computers typically have an operational life of three to four years. By Year 10 many students are due for an upgrade to their Laptop Computer. This year we have been informed by several computer vendors that there is still significant disruption to IT supply chains in the foreseeable future. To negate the unfortunate occurrence of students beginning 2023 without a device, the School has again partnered with The Sommerville Group (TSG), a tier one Hewlett Packard vendor. TSG have obtained guaranteed delivery of the windows model as outlined below. We will also offer an Apple option which can be ordered through our Apple provider Education Advantage (details below). Both laptop options will come with all the software necessary for the students' educational program. The laptops also come with onsite (school campus) support for both hardware and software, including a loan laptop if required. As part of our continuing investigations into the Student Laptop Program, we researched several other schools' programs and best practices. We found that while Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) does not meet the desired learning outcomes for most students and lacks onsite support, recent changes to our school network do allow us to accommodate those students who wish to differentiate their choice of device. Further information regarding BYOD can be found on the school website [here](#).

The benefits of the Student Laptop program include:

- Access to software with a value of over \$2,000 (Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office Professional, Antivirus Software, Adobe Education Suite, Inspiration, Sibelius and other class required software); and
- Reliable and unimpeded access to the ICT resources needed to participate in the learning program of the school.

Specifications of laptop computer options:

HP ProBook x360 435 G8 2-in-1 Laptop (Touchscreen/Pen)	Apple MacBook Air 13" M1
AMD Ryzen 5 – 5600U™ CPU	M1 8C CPU
13.3" diagonal FHD LED-backlit touch screen/ 5 MP HD camera (world-facing)	13.3" diagonal LED-backlit Retina screen/ 720p Facetime HD camera
Backlit keyboard/Clickpad with multi-touch gesture support	Backlit Magic keyboard/ Force Touch trackpad
8 GB RAM /256 GB SSD Hard Drive	8 GB RAM /256 GB SSD Hard Drive
HDMI/USB-3.1(x2) & USB-C/multi SD reader/headphone/microphone combo	2x Thunderbolt 4 (USB-C)
Dual Band Wireless-AC 802.11a/b/g/n/ac & Bluetooth® 5.0	Wireless-802.11ax Wi-Fi 6 & Bluetooth® 5.0
Up to 7hr battery life	Up to 12hr battery life
Armoured Slip Bag & HP Active Pen	Carry Bag
3 Years HP NBD Onsite Warranty	3 Years AppleCare+
Cost per year - \$575	Cost – See below

The HP option includes:

- a three-year warranty and accidental damage cover for the life cycle of the laptop (compared to the current retail 12-month warranty);
- complete technical support to school families participating in the program, provided at no extra charge; and
- ownership of the laptop will be transferred to the student at the end of the 3-year agreement.

Please refer to the 2023 Laptop Program regarding device insurance, warranty and accidental damage cover and payable excesses. The costs listed above will be included on the School account as an ICT levy.

** Please note that to guarantee supply, the HP laptops have already been ordered by the school. No action is required other than to indicate your preference on the survey (Survey valid until 28/11/2022).

Warragul [2023] Year 10-12 [Click here.](#)

Traralgon [2023] Year 10 [Click here.](#)

Students in Years 11 and 12 (2022) will also have the option of leasing the HP Laptop, at the fees listed in the following table. The device is then theirs to own when finishing Year 12.

	HP ProBook x360 435 G8 2-in-1 (Touchscreen/Pen)
Year 11	\$ 855.00 per year
Year 12	\$ 1,700.00 per year

Apple Option

Owing to the cost of the Apple devices, we are unable to offer school-based leasing. These devices will be delivered to the school and configured ready for the start of the school year. IT Services will email students on their school email address to advise when they are ready to pick up. The cost below includes all of the required software, which will be installed prior to pick up. AppleCare should be purchased separately (see below).

Please note that these devices are only available to Year 10, 11 & 12 students.

	Apple MacBook Air 13"(MGN63X/A)*
Year 10	\$ 2,225.00 once off (incl. 3 Yrs software) #
Year 11	\$ 2,055.00 once off (incl. 2 Yrs software)
Year 12	\$ 1,955.00 once off (incl. 1 Yrs software)

*Apple M1 8-core CPU & 7-core GPU processor

AppleCare+ for MacBook Air (M1) [Product Code S9788ZX/A] is highly recommended as MacBook repairs can be expensive. Due to ACCC 2021 ruling, AppleCare cannot be bundled with a device and must be purchased separately. See <https://www.apple.com/au/legal/statutory-warranty/au/> for further details.

A booklet containing detailed information about the program is available on the school website and by either contacting IT Services via phone (03 5622 6148) or email (itsupport@stpaulsags.vic.edu.au).

Ordering for the Apple option 2023 Student Laptop Program can be completed via our online ordering portal – <https://eduadv.com.au/stpaulsags>. Password is: **Stpags2023**

The store is open for MacBook orders from October 17, 2022. Orders need to be placed by COB **Wed 26th October, 2022**.

If have any enquiries about this program, please contact IT Services by emailing itsupport@stpaulsags.vic.edu.au or contact Joe Gyorfi, ICT Manager on 03 5622 6148.

Yours sincerely



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