



## Year 10 - 12 Digital Learning

In 2020, all Senior School students in Years 10 and 11 must have a laptop. Laptops are recommended for Year 12 students but are not compulsory.

The main reason for changing platforms is to prepare students for their Year 12 examinations. Electronic SACE examinations have already been piloted and in 2021 at least six subject areas will require the use of laptops.

There are other reasons for this shift relating to the longevity of devices and the extra functions a laptop can provide for students in the classroom and in some subject areas.

Most importantly, our Senior School students have expressed a preference for a laptop based on their own experiences.

If your child already has a laptop, we would appreciate you checking that it will meet our recommended minimum specifications (detailed below).

### Windows PC

Operating system – Microsoft Windows 10  
Processor – Intel Core i5 minimum  
8 GB RAM minimum  
Solid State Drive with at least 256 GB of storage  
Screen size – 13” minimum  
Wireless adapter – Wi-Fi compatible, 802. 11ac

### MacBook Air / MacBook Pro

Operating system - latest available  
Processor - Intel Processor, as standard in current models  
8 GB RAM minimum  
Solid State Drive with at least 256 GB of storage  
Screen size – 13” minimum  
Wireless adapter – Wi-Fi compatible, 802. 11ac

Your child will be responsible for the security of their laptop. We recommend you consider insurance (this may be possible through your Home & Contents policy). A protective bag is also a very good idea.

If you do need to buy a laptop, the College’s ICT Committee has tested several models and created a short list that might help you.

- ACER Travelmate X3310
- ACER Spin 5
- Microsoft Surface Book 2

These laptops meet our recommended specifications at various price points to suit your budget. They should be available from most well-known retailers.

Alternatively, you can compare pricing on the College portal on The School Locker at [theschoollocker.com.au/schools/woodcroft-college/technology](http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/woodcroft-college/technology)

On this site you will need to create an account under the ‘My Account’ tab at the top of the webpage. You then create a ‘Student Advantage Card Number’ on the ‘My Dashboard’ page.

Your Student Advantage Card links your account with the College and will enable you to:

- Unlock exclusive student pricing
- Receive regular discounts and deals
- Generate a rebate for the College (thank you)

If you need any more information, please don’t hesitate to contact our Head of ICT & e-Learning, Tony Nixon-Smith on 8381 0643 or [nixon-smith\\_t@woodcroft.sa.edu.au](mailto:nixon-smith_t@woodcroft.sa.edu.au).



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