



10 August 2026

Year 9 (2027) Laptop Program

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Students commencing Year 9 are required to participate in our laptop program where families opt to purchase a new laptop device or hire an older device.

We have been very fortunate to be able to purchase HP Probook 4 G1a devices at a very reasonable price and HP have upgraded them from a Ryzen 5 processor to a Ryzen 7 processor and from 256GB to 512GB of storage at no extra cost.

As part of the DfE initiative, eligible Secondary School Card students are able to be supplied with a device at no mandatory charge to families or caregivers for the duration of schooling from Year 9-12. The device is to be returned when the student leaves their secondary education. A school card student can still opt to purchase a device to keep after completion of schooling.

PURCHASING

The purchase cost is \$1,240 which includes a new laptop bag.

- This amount can be paid in full or spread over three years.
- An initial deposit of \$300 is to be made prior to or during the first week of school in Term 1, 2027. No device can be issued without the deposit being made.
- Invoices will be emailed out for the initial deposit, and for each payment due, thereafter. Payments can be made on the Qkr App under Payments>Laptop Payment and enter the amount you wish to pay.
- All new laptops are covered by a three-year manufacturer's warranty and batteries are covered by a one-year warranty, which covers manufacturer defects but does not cover negligence, abuse, malicious or accidental damage (eg cracked LCD screens are not covered under warranty). Where damage occurs or repairs are needed for non-warranty claims, all costs will be at the family's expense which you arrange with your preferred repairer.
- **When a student leaves the school before the end of the payment agreement is reached, the family must pay the balance owing. Returning the device is not an option.**

HIRING

The hire cost is \$200 per year.

- An initial deposit of \$50 is to be made prior to or during the first week of school in Term 1, 2027. No device can be issued without the deposit being made.
- Invoices will be emailed out for the initial deposit, and for each payment due, thereafter. Payment can be made on the Qkr App under Payments>Laptop Payment and enter the amount you wish to pay.
- Hire laptops are to be returned for the Christmas vacation for maintenance.
- Parents will be invoiced for each term and payments for that term are expected to be paid by the start of week 1 of each term.



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SCHOOL CARD STUDENTS

- Supplied with an older device at no cost but is returned to the school at the end of secondary education.
- School Card student devices are to be returned for the Christmas vacation for maintenance.
- Families can opt to purchase a device which is then kept after student completes secondary education.

GENERAL INFO

If you prefer to setup a payment plan, families can setup a direct debit or other payment arrangement with Tammy Creaser, Business Manager, during officer hours.

- All laptops have the required software for classes and access to online textbooks. These devices will be fully supported by the school.
- **If payment is not made on time, devices will be temporarily returned and only a Daily Borrow laptop will be available which is not able to go home.**
- Powering or charging of devices at school is not possible due to WHS compliance advice.
- Any damage incurred whilst the laptop is being purchased or hired (including school card devices), will be at the student's expense.
- Purchased laptops remain the property of the school until the student leaves the school.
- Laptops will have restrictions to some downloads whilst they are school property.

Please note: As per DfE requirements, non-school or privately purchased laptops are not permitted to be used at school due to licensing and software agreements.

Please indicate on the attached sheet, if you will be purchasing or hiring a laptop and return to the school by Friday 25th September 2026. Alternatively, you can email IT Support with your name, student name, and whether you would be opting to purchase or hire a laptop from 2027 onwards: Julie.Mathews462@schools.sa.edu.au

If you have any further questions or queries about this program, or payment arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Regards

Alicia Keatley
Principal

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