



Updated 25 November 2019 *(previously recommended iPad keyboard no longer available)*

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The Senior Leadership Team would like to finalise the device requirements for students for the 2020 academic year, to ensure parents have visibility and can purchase accordingly.

• **2020 Year 7 students require an iPad at the minimum specification listed below.**

• **2020 Year 10 students require a MacBook at the minimum spec. listed below.**

Other important considerations include:

- Students should only bring one device to school
- New devices purchased for 2020 Year 7 & 10 students will be used for three years
- For Year 7 students commencing in 2020 we recommend a keyboard case where students can attach their stylus.
- Students in year 11 and 12 can continue to bring an iPad.
- For students who will start at Mercedes College for the first time in 2020 that will be in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12, please contact Mrs Angela Ngaata at [angaata@mercedes.wa.edu.au](mailto:angaata@mercedes.wa.edu.au) for information regarding device requirements.
- Please note the iPad or Macbook device listed is the minimum requirement for each year level.

**Required devices for each year level in the 2020 Academic Year are as follows:**

|      | Year 7  | Year 8                            | Year 9              | Year 10                            | Year 11                                   | Year 12                                   |
|------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2020 | <b>iPad 7 2019 (or iPad Pro) + stylus + keyboard + case</b> | iPad Gen 6 (or iPad Pro) + stylus | iPad v5 or iPad Pro | <b>MacBook Air 2017 or greater</b> | iPad 2018/Pro or MacBook, Air or Pro 2015 | iPad/Pro 2017 or MacBook, Air or Pro 2016 |

**For new devices, particularly Year 7 and Year 10 students, on the three year rotation, the minimum specifications are listed below.** It is essential for learning in all year levels to have devices at the minimum specification to help ensure equity and capability for all students.

**For Year 7 students in 2020 it is essential the iPad is brought to the College in “out of the factory” condition** to ensure it can be enrolled correctly onto the College’s network. Please do not set up the iPad or if you have, please back-up, erase and reset it. A timeline of dates on when students can have their iPad enrolled will be provided before late January.

**For Year 10 students in 2020 are required to bring a MacBook Air 2017 or greater running Catalina 10.15.2 or higher to ensure cohort consistency and software compatibility.**

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Please keep an eye on the College website for optional deals with suppliers for consideration:  
<https://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/Student-Life-learning/ebooks-apps-and-book-lists.html>

Winthrop Australia offers two stores with discounts to the Mercedes College community:

- **Year 7-9 iPad bundle 2020 required device:**  
<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/mercedesipad7-9>
- **Year 10-12 MacBook 2020 required device:**  
<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/mercedesmac10-12>

This table contains links to the retail items for devices 2020 for your reference:

| Required and recommended items for a new device for 2020* for <b>Year 7 &amp; Year 10</b> students. |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Required <sup>^†</sup>  | iPad Gen 7 <sup>^</sup> , keyboard case, stylus   | MacBook <sup>†</sup> , Air or Pro            |
| <b>Minimum specs</b>  | <a href="#">iPad Gen 7 128Gb (wifi only)</a><br><a href="#">STM Dux Shell Duo</a><br>Stylus <a href="#">Logitech Crayon</a> or <a href="#">Apple Pencil</a> | <a href="#">MacBook Air 13" Retina 128Gb</a> |
| <b>Recommended</b>  | <a href="#">Apple Smart Keyboard</a> <sup>°</sup><br>or <a href="#">Logitech Rugged Keyboard Folio</a> <sup>°</sup>   | <a href="#">STM Dux MacBook Retina Case</a>  |

<sup>^</sup> Students in Year 7-9 may bring an iPad Pro with Apple Pencil v1 or v2 (check compatibility) aged 2017 onwards running iOS 13.

<sup>†</sup> Students in Year 10-12 may bring any MacBook, MacBook Air or MacBook Pro aged 2017 onwards running MacOS Catalina 10.15.1

\* Parents can source these from a supplier of preference requesting education pricing

<sup>°</sup> Please note for the iPad keyboard an alternative combined keyboard and case from Logitech may become available in December on the Winthrop Store.

For technical queries regarding devices please contact Mr Paul Reid via email at [preid@mercedes.wa.edu.au](mailto:preid@mercedes.wa.edu.au) . For any other queries please contact Mrs Angela Ngaata via email at [angaata@mercedes.wa.edu.au](mailto:angaata@mercedes.wa.edu.au) or phone via 9323 1323.

Yours sincerely

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