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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Based on recent device releases the Senior Leadership Team has updated the device requirements for the 2021 academic year, to ensure parents have visibility and can purchase accordingly. Please be aware suppliers are advising of significant stock shortages so early purchasing in the next fortnight is recommended.

- **New students entering Years 7-9 require an iPad 8, Logitech Combo Touch Keyboard Case & Stylus.**
- **New students entering Years 10-12 require a 2019 or later MacBook Air or MacBook Pro.**

- New devices purchased for 2021 for Year 7 & 10 students will be used for 3 years
- **Since the first letter distributed on August 26, the iPad 8 was released on September 18. This is also compatible with the Logitech ComboTouch keyboard. As the iPad 7 is no longer available, the iPad 8 becomes the minimum specification.**
- MacBook Pros are only recommended for students in 10,11 & 12 doing Media/AIT
- Students in Year 12 only can continue to bring their iPad or a MacBook Air/Pro
- Students commencing at Mercedes College for the first time in 2021 in Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 can purchase from the minimum required device specification below
- Please note the iPad or MacBook device listed is the minimum requirement for each year level

Minimum required device specification for the 2021 Academic Year are as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2021	iPad 8 2020 + stylus + Logitech Combo Touch keyboard + case	iPad Gen 7 2019 (or iPad Pro) + stylus	iPad v6 2018 or iPad Pro	MacBook Air or Pro 2019 or later	MacBook, Air or Pro 2018	iPad/Pro 2018 or MacBook, Air or Pro 2017

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 2021 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. For device set-up, 2021 Year 7 parents are asked to drop the iPad off to IT Support on Hay Street between 8am and 9am in the week of Monday January 18 to Friday January 22. The device needs to be in an out of factory condition: signed out of iCloud, charged and all content erased.

Year 10 students in 2021 are required to bring a MacBook Air 2019 or later running the latest Mac OS Big Sur to ensure cohort consistency and software compatibility. Apps to install are listed on SEQTA Learn.

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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/parent-resources/booklists-apps-digital-texts/>

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

- **Winthrop Online store Year 7-9 iPad bundle 2021 required device:**
<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/mercedesipad7-9>
- **Winthrop Online store Year 10-12 MacBook 2021 required device:**
<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/mercedesmac10-12>

For comparison with the Winthrop Store this table contains links to the item **retail cost**:

Required and recommended items for a new device for 2021* for Year 7 & Year 10 students.		
Required ^{^†}	iPad 8 2020 [^] , keyboard case, stylus	MacBook [†] , Air 2019 or Pro
Minimum specs	iPad Gen 8 128Gb (wifi only)	MacBook Air 13" Retina 128Gb
	Logitech Combo Touch keyboard case	
	Stylus Logitech Crayon or Apple Pencil	
Optional	* Apple Pencil ~ Apple Care	STM Dux MacBook Case

[^] Students in Year 7-9 may also bring an iPad Pro with Apple Pencil v1 or v2 (check compatibility) aged 2018 onwards running the latest iOS 14.

[†] Students in Year 10-12 may bring any MacBook, MacBook Air or MacBook Pro aged 2019 or later running the latest MacOS Big Sur 11.01 release

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

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Yours sincerely

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