Acceptable Devices List
2020-2021

LAPTOP MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS	
Operating System	Windows 10
Processor	Intel Core i5 (or AMD equivalent), 64-bit capable
Installed Memory (RAM)	4GB Memory (8GB preferred)
HDD	128GB or 250 GB HDD SATA
Wi-Fi	Built-in wi-fi supporting at least "N" (AC compatible preferred)
LAN	LAN port or USB LAN adaptor (highly recommended)
Screen	(Recommended) 15"+
Battery Life	6-8 hours
External Port	USB, Audio Out
Suggested Accessories	Mouse Protective case/cover Earphones/headphones

Please note Microsoft Office 365 is supplied FREE and can be downloaded with a student's EPSHS logon.

In all cases, **we strongly advise**:

Purchase a protective sleeve or carry case/bag

A strong carry case is a great way to protect your device from accidental damage like drops. Use a bag or case designed to hold a laptop with adequate padding.

Insurance

Purchasing insurance is a personal choice. When purchasing your laptop please learn about your options to purchase *accidental damage protection* for your device. Ensure that this covers your device for accidental damage on and off the school campus. Fire, theft and Acts of God are usually not covered under these programs and we request you to include it in your personal or home insurance ensuring you contact them and are aware of what is covered. The insurance can be purchased with your computer vendor or any insurance company. All insurance claims must be settled between you and the insurance company.

Repairs and Maintenance

Check warranty period and any Accidental Damage options available at time of purchase. All maintenance for the device, operating system, software and/or apps purchased by the Student/Parent is the responsibility of themselves.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I already own a laptop?	Students may bring their own laptop. Many laptop devices will meet the basic needs for digital learning at EPSHS. The school's best advice to ensure that effective learning occurs is that the laptop meets the listed minimum device specifications.
What if I've bought an iPad?	Students can continue to use their existing iPad however these devices will have limited functionality on the school network. While students will be able to access the internet, they will not be able to access the network to print. Specialised software and programs requiring Flash capability will not operate on an iPad. The school's best advice to ensure that effective learning occurs is that the device meets the listed minimum device specifications.
What if I've bought a Chromebook?	Education Queensland schools do not support Google products. Chromebooks will not operate on the school network. The school's best advice to ensure that effective learning occurs is that the device meets the listed minimum device specifications.
Will my child be disadvantaged if I only get a device with minimum specs?	A device that meets the school's best advice for minimum specifications will allow students to perform the learning activities and tasks set at EPSHS.
Will my child be advantaged if I get a device with better than the minimum specs?	A device that meets the school's best advice for minimum specifications will allow students to perform the learning activities and tasks. While there is no school based advantage to exceeding the stated minimum specifications for the device, the student may be able to utilise the higher performance for home based interests and activities.
What if my child is enrolled in visual art and business?	Students enrolled in these subjects will need to purchase a device with Higher specifications (RAM, Graphics card and CPU), in order to allow more demanding products to be run.