

# Acceptable Devices List 2025-2026

# **Unsupported Devices**

Android Tablets, Chromebooks, iPads and ARM based Windows devices are not supported. ARM based devices are sometimes referred to as Snapdragon or Qualcomm devices.

	EPSHS Minimum	EPSHS Recommended	EPSHS Mac	EPSHS AutoCAD/Studying Design
Processor (CPU)	Intel i3/AMD Ryzen 3 or greater	Intel i3/AMD Ryzen 3 or greater	Apple Silicon M2/M3/M4	Intel i3/AMD Ryzen 3 or greater(2.5 GHz, 3+ GHz recommended)
Memory (RAM)	4GB+	8GB+	8GB+	8GB (32GB Recommended)
Storage	128GB+	256GB+	256GB+	256GB+
Screen Size	11"+	13"+	13"+	13"+
WiFi Capability	5Ghz	5Ghz	5Ghz	5Ghz
Operating System	Windows 11	Windows 11	Mac OS 13 and later currently supported	Windows 11

#### **Antivirus**

It is unnecessary to pay for Antivirus products such as Avast Antivirus, McAfee Antivirus, Norton Antivirus, Trend Micro Antivirus, etc. These products often cause problems. Windows devices can use Windows Defender (built in free antivirus). Apple Mac devices already have security features built in.

# **Battery Life**

When purchasing a laptop, it is recommended to get a device with at least 8 hours of battery life as this will reduce with usage and age. At a minimum, a device with at least 6 hours will be needed.

#### **Insurance**

Purchasing insurance is a personal choice. When buying your laptop, explore options for accidental damage protection that covers use both on and off campus. Fire, theft, and Acts of God are typically not included, so we recommend adding coverage through your home or personal insurance. You may purchase insurance from your computer vendor or another provider. All claims must be handled directly with the insurer.

### **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/carer is the responsibility of themselves.



#### Microsoft Office

Please note Microsoft Office 365 is supplied FREE and can be downloaded with a student's Everton Park State High School (EPSHS) login. Visit <a href="https://portal.office.com/account">https://portal.office.com/account</a> and click "Install Office".

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

# What if I already own a laptop, do I need to purchase a new one?

Students may bring an existing laptop as long as it meets requirements. 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 already purchased an unsupported device?

Education Queensland schools do not support Google products. Android devices and Chromebooks will not operate on the school network. ARM based Windows devices and iPads can be connected to the school network but have limited educational suitability. The school's 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 specifications?

A device that meets minimum specifications will allow students to perform learning activities and tasks set at EPSHS.

# Will my child be advantaged if I get a device with better than the minimum specs?

There is significant 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 design or needs to run AutoCAD?

Students enrolled in design will need to purchase a device with higher specifications (RAM, graphics card and CPU), to allow more demanding products to be run.

## Does my child need to be an administrator on their device?

To perform actions such as joining the WiFi network, connecting to the school printer, and installing educational applications, your child will need to be an administrator on their device.

### How can I protect the device against hard-knocks and water damage?

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. Ideally, the bag should also be waterproof.