



## **BSSC BYOD Program 2015**

Students studying at BSSC in 2015 will be required to supply their own notebook/tablet device for use at BSSC as part of our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. This document provides details to assist students in obtaining a suitable device.

### ***Why do students need a device?***

BSSC is increasingly making use of technology to deliver and support educational programs at the college. Students need to be able to electronically communicate, create content, interact with others and electronically submit work. Students need to access a range of software tools, online sites and digital materials with their computers. Significant examples of the college's use of digital tools include the use of Compass and Edrolo. Compass allows all students to see details of their course and electronically submit tasks, is used for online reporting and monitoring of every students' progress and allows for student and parent/carer access. Edrolo is available as a purchase on the booklist for many Unit 3 and 4 subjects and is a valuable online resource to be used in 2015.

### ***What type of BYOD do students need?***

There are many types and styles of devices which students are able to use at BSSC under the BYOD program. It is a requirement that devices are capable of connecting to the college's network, interacting with online sites and have the capacity to run a version of Microsoft Office. It is also required that all devices have a keyboard and where a student elects to utilise an iPad/tablet style device a compatible keyboard should also be obtained for use. Microsoft Office is available to all students at no cost for all recommended devices for the period students are enrolled at BSSC. Students will be advised about how they can obtain and install Microsoft Office early in 2015.

In conjunction with JB Hi-Fi the college has setup an online portal where students can purchase new devices which are appropriate. Although, it is not a requirement that devices are purchased from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC portal, the purpose of making the portal available is to simplify purchasing decisions and assist students in obtaining an appropriate device. Details about models available from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC portal are provided on the reverse side. Also included on the reverse side is advice on what to obtain if you want to source a device elsewhere. These details include the minimum/recommended notebook specifications, to help students obtain an appropriate device.

### ***Should I purchase from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal?***

The devices available from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal have been selected because they are suitable for use as a BYOD at BSSC. Where possible the devices available to purchase have been bundled with onsite warranties and a range of options that can be selected to meet individual student requirements. Devices ordered from the JB Hi-Fi Portal will be available for pick up in the JB Hi-Fi store you select to collect from. JB Hi-Fi will notify you of collection details. Please be aware that purchasing a device from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal is not the same as purchasing a device from within a JB Hi-Fi store or the same as purchasing a device from the standard JB Hi-Fi website. The JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal has an agreed range of devices which would be suitable for the majority of students. The prices and options on the portal have been pre-arranged in a way to simplify the purchasing of an appropriate device. Some devices such as the Lenovo 11e (which can be purchased from the portal) would likely not be directly available from within a typical retail store, such as a JB Hi-Fi outlet, as these devices are intended primarily for students and the education market.

### ***Can I purchase a device from other sites or from other stores?***

There are no restrictions on where you can purchase or obtain a device from. The advantage of purchasing from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC portal is that the available devices should be ideal for the majority of students at BSSC. However, in some instances students may want an alternate device or the ability to obtain a device elsewhere. Where students choose to obtain a device from elsewhere they should ensure that the device meets with the minimum specifications provided over the page. For some students and in some instances there may be advantages in having a more powerful notebook than those generally recommended. If a student feels that they would benefit from an alternate or higher end device they can discuss this with their teachers during the Step-Up program. However, the only requirement is that every student has a device in 2015 which meets or exceeds the minimum specifications.

### Further advice about the BSSC BYOD program

For further details about the BSSC BYOD program see: <http://www.bssc.edu.au/enrolment/byod-and-booklist-advice>

### How to buy from the JB-Hi Fi BSSC Portal and what's available

To purchase from the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal go to the following website: <http://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> and use the following code: **BSSC2015** when prompted.

The following models are available from the JB-Hi Fi BSSC Portal (prices/models may vary – these listed accurate as of Nov 2014). There are some options including bags, accidental damage protection, and finance available to select.

Device		Specifications	Features
Lenovo ThinkPad 11e (11.6-Inch)		-11.6-inch Screen -Windows 8.1 64bit -Celeron/128GB SSD	Equipped to withstand school environments. <b>\$687.50</b> (Inc. 3 yr. onsite warranty)
Lenovo ThinkPad 11e Yoga (11.6-Inch Touch Display with no pen supplied)		-11.6-inch Screen -Windows 8.1 64bit -Celeron/128GB SSD	Ideal student device, display rotates 360 deg. <b>\$804.10</b> (Inc. 3 yr. onsite warranty)
Lenovo ThinkPad S1 Yoga (12.5-Inch Touch Display, with digitizer pen)		-12.5-inch Screen -Windows 8.1 64bit -Intel Core i3/128GB SSD	Powerful, display rotates 360 degrees <b>\$1399</b> (Inc. 3 yr. onsite warranty)
Apple MacBook Air (11.6") [13" Macbook options is also available on portal]		-11.6-inch Screen -OS X 10.10 (Yosemite) -Intel Core i5/128 GB SSD	Ideal for those familiar with Apple Macs. <b>\$1098</b> (Inc. Apple Protection Plan)
Apple iPad Air (9.7", 16GB) [A 32GB iPad Air is also available on portal]		-9.7-inch Screen -iOS 8 -ARM A7/16GB	Excellent for viewing content. <sup>1</sup> <b>\$473</b> (Standard 24mth Warranty)

<sup>1</sup>Students purchasing an iPad should also obtain a suitable keyboard to use with this device. iPad keyboards cannot be purchased through the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal but you will receive a JB Hi-Fi discount voucher with an iPad purchased via the portal and this can be used towards the purchase of a suitable keyboard in JB Hi-Fi stores.

### Specifications if obtaining a device from somewhere other than the JB Hi-Fi BSSC Portal

Any existing notebook you plan to use at BSSC should exceed the Minimum Device Specifications (given below). Any new notebook you purchase should exceed the Recommended Device Specifications (given below). iPads and tablets running Windows RT or Windows 8 with a keyboard are also acceptable as a BYOD. Android tablets and Chromebooks are not fully compatible with BSSC's systems and are therefore not recommended as a BYOD.

Element	Minimum Device Specifications	Recommended Device Specifications
Screen	9" Minimum	11.6" or higher
Memory (RAM)	1GB or higher	4GB or higher
CPU	1.6Ghz CPU or higher	Dual-Core processor or higher
HDD/SSD	No Minimum	128GB or Higher
Wi-Fi	Yes	Yes
Battery Life	3 hours or more	3 hours or more
Operating System (Windows)	Windows 7 or higher	Windows 8.1
Operating System (Mac)	Mac OS X 10.7 or higher	Mac OS X 10.9 or 10.10
Operating System (Windows RT)	Windows RT 8.0 or higher <sup>1</sup>	N/A
Operating System (iOS)	iOS 7.0 or higher <sup>2</sup>	iOS 8.0 or higher <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Windows RT devices do not run Java and are therefore incompatible for use in some subjects such as VVLN Maths.

<sup>2</sup> iOS devices do not run Flash/Java and are therefore incompatible for use in some subjects such as VVLN subjects.