

## What is the BSD program at WCB?

The Bring a Specified Device program operates at WCB to allow students to have a reasonable amount of choice over what Windows device they purchase and use at school, also allowing WCB to give guidance and recommendations as to what device will be best suited at school.

## What is the best way to purchase a new device?

Ideally, every 2018 student will have a Windows device purchased through our Learning with Technologies Portal. LWT is a company that specialises in providing technology, sales and service to schools. WCB Technicians help facilitate warranty claims via LWT providing an easy, straightforward experience should any issues arise. Our primary goal is that every student has access to appropriate Windows based technology.

## Purchasing via the LWT portal – Starting at \$606.00

The LWT Portal is open but will update with during Term 4. Please find a link on the WCB website at <http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/> that will allow you to navigate to the correct LWT portal for browsing and purchasing. To link directly to LWT use: <https://wcb.orderportal.com.au/>

### LWT purchasing process:

1. **Families select a device** from a list of devices pre-approved by the College. **The cost of devices currently begins at \$606 + shipping (including a 3 year ONSITE warranty).**
2. **Three year onsite warranty** - all warranty claims can be processed and repaired at the college by LWT certified technicians. This means less hassle and time wasted for families **with short wait times; often under a week.**
3. **Insurance options** - insurance can be purchased to protect against accidental damage with repairs carried out onsite by LWT certified technicians. This is highly recommended. (Eg. Acer insurance up front cost of \$139.70 when purchasing the new device, allows one claim per year free of any extra charge for 3 years.
4. **The new device is delivered to your door ready to use at WCB.** Microsoft Office software is supplied free of charge at WCB.

## What computer will be required in 2018 at WCB?

Criteria	Requirement
<b>OPERATING SYSTEM</b>	<b>Windows 10</b>
<b>SCREEN</b>	<b>Between 10" and 14" – Please note touch screens can be more expensive to replace</b>
<b>MEMORY</b>	2GB is the minimum requirement, 4GB or more is better
<b>WIRELESS</b>	Yes
<b>HARD DRIVE</b>	<b>64GB minimum (flash/eMMC/SSD preferred)</b>
<b>KEYBOARD</b>	Yes
<b>BATTERY</b>	7 hours minimum
<b>CAMERA</b>	Preferred

**\*Microsoft Office Software is supplied free of charge at WCB after school commences in 2018.**

**\*\* Virus protection is now built into the windows platform, you do not need to purchase additional software.**

### If purchasing independently:

1. Please **avoid buying a second hand device**, contact WCB first to discuss options.
2. Please be aware that **touch screens can be very expensive to replace if broken** outside of insurance cover.
3. **Older/larger laptops (particularly those with 15"+ screens) are not acceptable** due to short battery life. Also older operating systems before Windows 10 are no longer supported and they tend to give poor performance.
4. **Wherever possible, do not buy a device with a 32GB or smaller hard drive** because after installing Windows and Office software there is very little space remaining for saving work or personal data. \*There are a selection of these devices for approx. \$300 (don't pay more). If lowest price is the priority and you are willing to find other solutions to space issues (such as SD Card plugged in) then these devices can be an option, **but not an option WCB recommend** (Sometimes you will need to replace one of these cheaper devices because of a simple issue ie. Broken keyboard can't be repaired).
5. **Please consider purchasing a bag or clip on case and extend the warranty to 3 years.** (Warranty jobs handled by a larger retailer will be sent offsite to fix, often taking between 3-5 weeks for repair and return). Insurance is highly recommended.

## For more details

Please visit the WCB website for the latest details and login via links to the LWT purchase portal at: <http://www.weeroona.vic.edu.au/>.

For more information please contact James Ginnivan (eLearning Leader) at WCB: [ginnivan.james.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ginnivan.james.m@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the WCB Business Manager on 5443 2133 to discuss available options.