Melbourne Grammar School believes that information, communication and learning technologies are a vital part of the student’s education and that these tools should be integrated into all aspects of the curriculum rather than being treated as a separate learning area.

To this end, the School has established a mobile computing programme, which applies to students in Year 5 and above. Given the rapid pace of technological change, the School periodically reviews this programme and reserves the right to make changes where it is felt that these will lead to improvement in student outcomes.

A general outline of current arrangements is set out below, but please bear in mind that the precise requirements at each intake year may change over time. Full details of the programme applying at each year of intake will be provided to parents at that time.

**Grimwade House (Years 5 and 6)**

Students are required to bring a “touch technology” notebook device of a type and specification advised by the School, with software as specified.

**Wadhurst (Years 7 and 8)**

Students will be required to bring a tablet device of a type and specification advised by the School, and to purchase the apps specified by the School. Students will also require access to a computer at home to which they can synchronise and back up their tablet device.

**Senior School (Years 9 to 12)**

The School has a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) philosophy at these levels. Accordingly, all Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 students will be required to have a notebook computer (Windows or MacBook) or another suitable ICT device to support their studies, with increasing reliance being placed on students to utilise the device with which they are most comfortable and with which learning will be most effective. In support of this, our aim is to give students access to the Melbourne Grammar School Wireless Network anytime, anywhere on campus. Students taking certain elective subjects will be expected to have a device of sufficient specification to support the software required for these subjects. Further information on this will be provided at the time of subject selection.

The School makes arrangements with selected suppliers each year under which parents may acquire the necessary computing device, generally with the option to take out separate insurance cover, and with the benefit of on-site help desk support. It is important that the School’s recommended device/specification be purchased by parents to ensure easy connection to the School’s network and maximise educational benefit. It is strongly recommended that these devices, particularly notebook computers (where relevant) be purchased through the School’s recommended programme. Notebooks purchased in this way:

- Will run the necessary school software.
- Include appropriate technical/repair support (including the availability of loan machines through the School’s IT Service desk), with integrated warranty and insurance arrangements.
- Will connect to the School’s network, which is a private, secured network.

Parents are strongly discouraged from moving away from the recommended notebooks. Experience shows that non-standard notebooks can be unsatisfactory in a classroom setting, with a detrimental impact on the student’s progress. Non-standard notebooks may not satisfactorily support the required software or connect to the Melbourne Grammar School network; nor are they covered by the technical support arrangements in place at the School.