

2017 Learning with Technology Information Year 7

Swan Christian College has run a successful Learning with Technology program since 2012.

Devices are registered on our extensive WiFi network providing reliable Internet access to students when at the College. A school email account and access to a common web based version of a desktop based on Microsoft Windows is provided as a baseline platform for communication and productivity. Students can therefore have the freedom to choose to bring a wide variety of device types with an emphasis on what will work best for each student.

A dedicated ICT support staff member is available to directly support students before school from 8:00am as well as during recess and lunch breaks. ICT support staff also visit classrooms as needed and requested by teachers, to ensure technical issues do not hinder learning.

Our students have only ever known a world with Google, Wikipedia, Facebook and mobile phones with high speed Internet connectivity. Our goal is to enable and influence education with 21st Century learning skills, including safe use, creativity and how to best utilise technology in learning.

Purchase and set up of devices

In preparation for the new school year, we encourage you to review the list of specifications on the College website which list the minimum screen size, battery life and other important features.

The key criteria for your decision to purchase a device needs to be based on what you feel you and your child can support and make best use of at home. In addition, we encourage you to investigate and purchase through any reputable provider in the market place.

Information is available on the college website <http://www.swan.wa.edu.au/our-schools/lwt-learningwithtechnology/> including step by step instructions for configuring email, virtual desktop and WiFi access.

ICT Support will be available during uniform shop opening hours in the week before school commences to provide any required assistance. It is recommended that you bring the device along to school during this week to confirm network access and that everything is ready to go for the start of term. We will notify families about the dates for these days later in Term 4.