



Bring Your Own Device (BYOx) Program Years 7-12

Cairns State High School is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOx) school. This means that students are required to bring their own laptop to school each day. The laptop will need to be able to connect to the school network and the Internet.

The school has prepared a [Student BYOx Charter](#) to assist parents/carers to understand how the BYOx program will operate. The school technicians have also prepared a step by step guide. All these documents are available on the eLearning page of the Cairns High Website. The website also has additional information about programs and security.

In order to participate students and parents/carers must sign the Student BYOx Charter to guarantee appropriate use of laptops whilst at school. The Student BYOx Charter is included in the enrolment package and is available on the school's website.



The BYOx charter should be completed and returned with the enrolment forms. At the commencement of the school year students and parents will be emailed WiFi connection information.

A recorded presentation to outline the BYOx program and provide advice regarding the BYOx program, laptop purchase and specifications is available from the eLearning page of the Cairns High website.

The process of preparing a laptop to connect to the school network will begin in December with two emails to "Prepare", "Install and Connect", being sent to **all new state school students**. An email is also sent to parents of these students advising them that an email has been sent to their child. **Note: students enrolling from non-EQ schools may not have active accounts until Week 1 of the new school year and cannot set up their laptops for connection to the school network before the school year begins.** For those who prefer hands on assistance, the school technicians will also offer on site assistance on request by email: Computertech@cairnsshs.eq.edu.au

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Laptop Purchasing Guide

Student laptops will need to meet minimum requirements in order to be able to operate within the school's network:

Minimum Specifications	Ideal Specifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8Gb RAM or more Windows 10 or 11 / Mac OS 13 operating system (or newer) Wi-Fi 802.11n/ac or better (5Ghz) 128Gb or more storage (HDD or SSD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16Gb RAM or more Windows 11 / Mac OS 13 system (or newer) Wi-Fi 802.11n/ac or better (5Ghz) 256Gb RAM SSD or larger

Please note that you DO NOT need to purchase Microsoft Office as all Education Queensland students are able to download for free when they are enrolled at school and provided with their network username.