

Q: Who is responsible for repairs and maintenance of the laptops?

A: You are responsible for your own repairs and maintenance. The school does not accept any responsibility for damage to laptops.

Q: Who is responsible for the insurance and warranty?

A: You are responsible for both insurance and warranty. We advise you obtain an extended warranty and check what that warranty covers. Some warranties do not cover for accidental damage so you need to check it would be covered under your household insurance.

Q: What happens if something goes wrong with the laptop during school, can you fix it?

A: We will supply the learners with a number of information sheets to help them to troubleshoot their problem. Our ICT Technician is unable to look at individual laptops as this may affect the warranty you have purchased.

Q: Can a learner download music/films/games onto their laptop?

A: If the laptop is owned by the learner, then technically they can download what they want, subject to copyright law. However, you must be aware that the more data downloaded onto the laptop will slow it up and affect the performance. Limewire and torrents are the main cause of viruses and malware on laptops. We recommend all personal data be kept on an external hard drive/flashdrive. The laptop is intended as a resource for your learner as a learning tool rather than an entertainment unit for games.

For further information on Learner Laptops, please contact

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RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE

Course	Software	Approx	Alternative **
ALL COURSES	Antivirus software	\$50	Free.avg.com (free)
ALL COURSES	Microsoft Office (Excel and Publisher are essential for COMP/INTE)	\$241	www.openoffice.org.nz www.scribus.net (Desktop Publishing) (free)
Yr 12 INTE Yr 13 COMP	Adobe Dreamweaver	\$200	
Yr 12 INTE	Adobe Fireworks	\$123	
Yr 12/13 INTE	Adobe Flash	\$213	
MEST	Adobe Premiere Pro	\$450	Film editing software Windows Movie Maker (free) iMovie
INTE and COMP	Adobe Design Premium (includes Dreamweaver, Fireworks & Flash)	\$461	
MEST and COMP or INTE	Adobe Master Collection (includes all required software)	\$700- \$1200	

**** Alternative software.** Please note they may have fewer features than the recommended software has which may be a disadvantage to the learner. Some documents will need converting to be able to be opened at school.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Make sure any software you purchase is the ACADEMIC/EDUCATION version as the price is reduced significantly.

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If your learner is taking Media Studies, Computing or Information Technology a laptop must be purchased for these subjects.

In the interest of keeping costs to a minimum we have varied the scheme from previous years, and will trial the following arrangements.

- The learners' laptops will not have to be configured to the school network system.
- Learners will have access to the internet, webmail and First Class.
- Learners will not be able to print out directly on a school printer from their laptop – they will need to copy their documents onto a flash drive and print out from one of the school computers.
- Internet quotas will be increased at the start of February 2010.
- Learners' documents will no longer be backed up to our secure servers. The responsibility of file management will lay entirely with the learner.
- Learners must ensure their documents are backed up to ensure they are available in the event of their laptop having a hardware problem.
- We recommend an external hard drive/flashdrive to store backed up data.

- Any operating system will be able to be used at school (subject to software requirements)

Recommended laptop specification:

We recommend, as this model has been confirmed as suitable for the necessary software requirements, the HP 6730b see details below.

HP 6730b Laptop
2GB
15.4 XPP Intel Core 2 Duo 2.26GHz
15,4 WXGA 1280 x 800
160GB HD 5400
DVDRW SM DL LS
Webcam
Bluetooth
3 year warranty - highly recommended
Wireless "N" card –highly recommended

Where to purchase?

Check the following websites for competitive pricing for computers **and** software. Please note that the prices will fluctuate daily on these websites due to currency changes.

www.softwarewarehouse.co.nz
www.softwareshop.co.nz
www.elive.co.nz
www.pbtech.co.nz
www.aquilatech.co.nz

You can also check Harvey Norman (www.harveynorman.co.nz), Dick Smith (www.dse.co.nz/dse.shop), Noel Leeming (www.noelleeming.co.nz) as they often run special offers and can offer interest free deals.

A good website to check price comparisons is www.pricespys.co.nz.

Recommended software

The recommended software is listed overleaf. The learners will require different combinations of this software, depending on the options chosen. There are some alternatives, which are mentioned. All software has to comply with current copyright law and be legally purchased.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When do I need to have purchased my laptop and software by?

A: February 1, 2010. This prevents your child being disadvantaged by not being able to participate in lessons.

Q: What operating system do we have to have?

A: You can have any operating system subject to the software requirements for the recommended software.

Q: Do I have to have antivirus software?

A: Yes this is compulsory.

Q: Are the learners allowed to use their laptops in all classes?

A: Learners may use their laptops in all classes but can only expect wireless internet access in Media Studies/Information Technology and Computer Studies rooms, as well as the ICT Suite, Auditorium and the Library (available 2010).

Q: Do you have lockers at school for the laptops?

A: Yes lockers are available in the ICT suite and the gym. To arrange, contact Stowaway Lockers (<http://www.stowawaylockers.co.nz/lockers-wgpc.html>). The cost is \$40 per annum.