

# 2026 Student Device Program

## Laptops for learning

At Banksia Park International High School (BPIHS), we are futures focused committed to exposing students to current and emerging technologies that support learning and prepare them for the demands of a digital world.

As a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school, it is an expectation that every student has access to a laptop to fully engage in their learning. Technology is used daily across the curriculum to enhance learning experiences and help students develop essential skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and digital literacy. Through the effective use of digital platforms and tools, students learn to navigate, evaluate, and create information confidently ensuring they are well prepared as global and digital citizens.

#### New in 2026

BPIHS has partnered with Learning with Technologies (LWT) to provide up to date, reliable devices at educational pricing through a dedicated Student Device Portal. From 2026, it will be a requirement that all Year 7 students purchase their device from this portal. This ensures all students have access to a consistent, school approved device that supports learning, is compatible with required software, and will be fully managed and supported by the BPIHS ICT Team throughout the student's enrolment.

From 2026 newly enrolled students or student looking to purchase a new device will no longer be able to bring their own device and will be expected to have a device purchased from the purchasing portal. Parents and caregivers who may experience financial difficulty in meeting this requirement are encouraged to contact their relevant Year Level Leader to discuss options available.

This new Laptop Program will roll out progressively with each new Year 7 cohort and is expected to cover all year levels by 2031

#### The benefits

- Access to commercial hardware at educational pricing
- Flexible payment options
- Consistency of devices across the school.
- Optional accidental damage protections available on all listed devices
- BPIHS ICT Team will arrange all warranty and/or accidental damage repairs with the reseller, saving families time. (Costs may apply)
- Quicker more streamlines device setup and connection
- BPIHS ICT Team can maintain updates to the operating systems and software packages

#### How to order a student device

Devices purchased via the Student Device Portal will be shipped directly to the school ready for collection during the fee paying days in January 2026. Devices purchased after the 6th of January will be shipped to the school for collection and setup from our ICT Helpdesk once the school year has commenced.







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#### Administration

BPIHS understands that the device purchased may be used for both schoolwork and personal activities, such as gaming, music, and other non-school related tasks. By default, students and parents/caregivers will not have administrative access to the device. However, they can choose to opt into this option once students begin school.

BPIHS can either grant administrative access to the student account or set up a separate parent account. In some cases, families may request assistance from the BPIHS ICT Helpdesk to install software, such as accessibility tools or other educational software.

#### Internet Access

Banksia Park International High School utilises the Department for Education's SWiFT Internet connection, firewall, internet filtering, and cyber welfare solution. Due to the school's need to provide an online duty of care, and in line with the SA Government Mobile Phone ban, students are not permitted to 'hotspot' (or tether) their laptop to a mobile device while at school.

### **Printing**

Students will have access to photocopiers throughout the school. Printing costs have been set to cover the expenses of printing. If students exceed their allocated quotas, additional printing credit can be purchased from the Student Services.

### **Backup & Data Storage**

Students are strongly encouraged to use their school-provided OneDrive to store all schoolwork. Where possible, BPIHS will enforce this, such as by ensuring the Documents folder is synced to OneDrive. Families are advised to back up personal data, which can be done using external hardware or other cloud storage solutions (Google Drive etc)

## Microsoft Registration

The Department for Education and Microsoft have a licensing agreement that allows students to register Microsoft 365 software. The school will provide students with the necessary licensing information to register Microsoft Office..

## **Leaving BPIHS**

When a student leaves BPIHS, they can bring their device to ICT for re-imaging with a base image, or to have BPIHS management removed, depending on the device. The base image will contain only the software the student is legally entitled to. If the student leaves the school while the laptop is still under warranty, they can receive warranty support directly from the device supplier.

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