



## YEAR 7, 2024

### 1:1 Laptop Program

#### Background information

Melton Christian College runs a 1:1 device program in Years 7-9, including the use of eBooks. Using devices in the classroom supports a contemporary, technology-smart curriculum. Using eBooks provides access to extensive interactive content, which assists in stretching the students' learning. This also provides a safer alternative to a heavy backpack full of hard-copy books.

At Melton Christian College we teach and insist upon conscientious and appropriate use of digital communication. Parents and students need to familiarise themselves with our ICT Protocols in the College Handbook located on our website.

#### How to order a device

Year 7 students commencing at MCC in 2024 will be required to purchase a laptop via the Edunet Online Ordering Portal. Please take the time to carefully read the documentation supplied by our education partner, Edunet, which contains device specifications and other important details.

Laptops will be owned by families and maintained and managed by the College. This ensures College network access, simple installation of software, configuration of settings and adherence to ICT protocols.

#### When to order a device

Supply of devices at the given prices is limited and it is anticipated that some models will sell out before the end of 2023. It is recommended you place the order for your preferred device early to secure stock for delivery prior to Term 1, 2024. Payment can be made upfront or via a Zip Payment Plan.

Delivery cut-off dates:

- Order by 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2023 – for expected collection during December 2023.
- Order by 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2023 – for expected collection during January 2024.

Orders placed after December 1, 2023, may not be ready for collection prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2024.

#### Collecting your device

Laptops will be delivered to the College and then distributed to students onsite. To ensure the maximum warranty term, deliveries will not commence until December 2023.

Devices require final configuration by our ICT team after delivery; therefore, exact collection dates and times will be communicated to families in December 2023.

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## Booklists

Both eBooks and printed textbooks are ordered by families through an online ordering system. 2024 booklists will be available in Term 4, 2023. Further information regarding this process will be accessible on our website, [www.mcc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mcc.vic.edu.au), in Term 4.

## Further enquiries

Detailed information, such as payment options, is supplied by Edunet in both the attached documentation and the FAQ section of their Parent Portal, found at <https://meltoncc.technologyportal.com.au/>

You can also check the following FAQ page for more information on the 1:1 laptop program.

Questions about the devices or ordering process can be directed to Edunet on **1300 338 638** or via email [portal@edunet.com.au](mailto:portal@edunet.com.au)

For assistance during the ordering process, there is an online chat function on the Edunet portal, accessible via the red chat icon on the bottom right of the screen.

General enquiries regarding the 1:1 laptop program can also be directed to Mr Simon Doherty via email [sdoherty@mcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sdoherty@mcc.vic.edu.au) or by contacting College Reception on 9732 3000.

## Information session

It is recommended parents attend the upcoming information session which will allow time for questions to be answered. This session will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

- Date: Monday August 28.
- Time: 7pm – 7:30pm, followed by question time.
- Location: Online via Teams - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

For all methods of joining a Teams Meeting please click here for instructions:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/join-a-teams-meeting-078e9868-f1aa-4414-8bb9-ee88e9236ee4>

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## FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Can I purchase a laptop for my child in other year levels?**

A: Year 7 students are expected to purchase a laptop via the Years 7-9 Edunet Portal. Year 8 & 9 students will continue to use their current laptop in 2024. Year 10-12 students can continue bringing their own device (iPad or laptop) or they can purchase a laptop via the Years 10-12 Edunet Portal.

### **Q: Why use laptops instead of tablets?**

A: A review process over several years has determined that laptops may better support students in their education. The selected laptops include the versatility of tablets such as touch screen, 360° rotating screen to tablet mode and comparable screen size (to tablets). In addition, they provide better preparation for post-secondary study and beyond, along with improving general ICT capabilities.

Other advantages include:

- Improving typing skills on a standard keyboard layout.
- Compatibility with external devices such as a mouse or external hard drive.
- Access to full desktop software suites such as MS Office and Adobe suite.
- Enhanced Canvas\* user experience.
- Stylus pens are a standard inclusion improving the ability to handwrite and draw on the touch screen.
- More efficient servicing on-site rather than returning to the supplier.
- Higher specifications such as storage capacity.

*\*Canvas is the College's learning management system used extensively for secondary subjects.*

### **Q: What are factors to consider regarding the costs?**

A: We believe the selected laptops are strong all-around devices that balance quality and features with a reasonable cost. They are a flexible device (see points above), which includes provision of a 3-year on-site warranty. A key aspect of this investment is an effective support program that will ensure students have the least amount of time without their devices if they encounter any problems. Costs can be spread over 12 months using Zip Finance and full payment is not required before delivery of the device.

### **Q: Which add-ons are required?**

A: The 3-year on-site warranty, 3-year battery warranty and one laptop case are required to ensure maximum protection and serviceability of the device. All other accessories and insurance are optional.

### **Q: Which device should I buy?**

A: Three devices are offered to Year 7-9 students. Each device is designed to meet classroom requirements suitable for students from years 7 to 9.

- The Lenovo 500w is the most cost-effective.
- The Lenovo 13w is recommended as the best balance between performance and cost.
- The Lenovo L13 offers additional RAM for a performance boost.

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**Q: Do I need a laptop case?**

A: Laptops must be stored in a protective cover to ensure the potential for damage is minimised. A laptop case must be purchased when placing an order. Three options have been provided, all of which are durable and will fit in an MCC backpack. The level of durability increases with price, with the Targus TANC case providing the highest level of protection.

**Q: Do I need insurance?**

A: Lenovo warranties do not cover accidental damage. Purchasing device insurance is optional and is highly recommended to protect your investment. The iBroker insurance option is comprehensive insurance that protects against various circumstances of loss, damage and theft. Lenovo ADP provides insurance for accidental damage under normal use and conditions. Refer to the attached Edunet documentation for specific details.

**Q: Do I need a power bank (portable charger)?**

A: Students are not permitted to use wall chargers at school. With correct use, laptop batteries generally last the entire school day on a full charge. Power banks are recommended to ensure laptops do not go flat during important tasks. These are optional accessories available via Edunet and other retailers.

**Q: What happens after the 3-year warranty expires?**

A: The recommended life cycle for laptops within schools and industry is 3 years. After this time performance may decline, especially as new technologies become available. Devices can continue to be used past 3 years; however, any repairs will not be covered under warranty. As students transition into year 10, parents will have the option to purchase a new device suitable for the student's chosen pathway. This will ensure full warranty support through their remaining years of secondary school.

**Q: What does the College control on student devices?**

A: To protect students, and to promote learning, the College will supervise and manage devices. This may include but is not limited to, device restrictions and permissions, management of Apps and restrictions on Internet access when at the College.

Device internet access is not monitored or restricted when accessed on home Wi-Fi or mobile networks. Information regarding methods of improving eSafety at the Family Home, and government guidance regarding this topic can be found here:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/taming-technology>

**Q: Can I use my own laptop?**

A: We ask that all families partner with the College by purchasing their laptop through the Edunet Online Ordering Portal using the three device options provided. This provides access to bulk pricing discounts, a full 3-year onsite warranty and the option of insurance. It provides consistency in devices to ensure seamless integration with our system and effective deployment, which prevents additional costs or delays. Our ICT department can also offer more efficient support which minimises disruptions to learning.