YEAR 7, 2025

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 2025 will be required to purchase a laptop via the Edunet Online Ordering Portal here: https://meltoncc.technologyportal.com.au/

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 possible that some models will sell out before the end of 2024. 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 15th of November 2024 – for expected collection during December 2024.
- Order by 31st of December 2024 – for expected collection late January 2025.

Orders placed after December 31, 2024, may not be ready for collection prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2025.

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 2024.
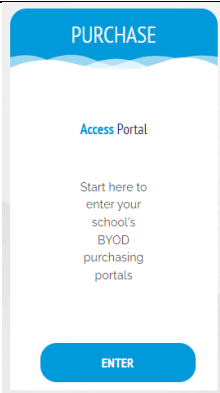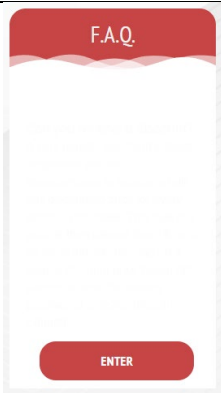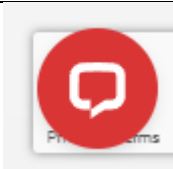
Devices require final configuration by our ICT team after delivery; therefore, exact collection dates and times will be communicated to families in December 2024.
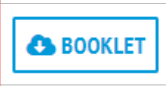
Booklists

Both eBooks and printed textbooks are ordered by families through an online ordering system. 2025 booklists will be available in Term 4, 2024. Further information regarding this process will be accessible on our website, www.mcc.vic.edu.au, in Term 4.

Edunet Portal

Access the Edunet Portal here:	https://meltoncc.technologyportal.com.au/

Enter the portal for purchasing.	View frequently asked questions.	Engage Edunet live chat.

Melton Christian College Portal - Years 7-9 in 2025   Delivered directly to the school   BOOKLET   SHOP NOW
Refer to the information booklet to see device specifications, pricing and payment information. Click 'Shop Now' to start an order.

Further enquiries

Further information is provided on the following FAQ page and the Edunet information booklet on their website, as shown in the diagram above.

Questions about the devices or ordering process can be directed to Edunet on **1300 338 638** or via email at portal@edunet.com.au

For assistance during the ordering process, there is also a live 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 or by contacting College Reception on 9732 3000.

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do all secondary students require a laptop?

A: All students are required to have their own device to access Canvas, eBooks and other applications. Year 7-9 students are expected to purchase a laptop via the Years 7-9 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 onsite 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 where full payment is not required before delivery of the device.

Q: Which add-ons are required?

A: The 3 Year Lenovo Standard Education Warranty Onsite, 3 Year Battery Warranty and one laptop case are required to ensure maximum protection and serviceability of the device. All other accessories on the portal are optional. A power bank is recommended.

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.

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 Contego Slip Case is the thinnest but does not have a front storage pocket. The Targus TANC case provides the highest level of protection.

Q: What does the warranty cover?

A: The Standard Lenovo Education Warranty Onsite is included in the total package price for each Lenovo device. This warranty supplies cost effective maintenance and repair of student devices, allowing them to be serviced at the College. The warranty also covers some aspects of accidental damage. Terms and conditions apply, please refer to the Lenovo Education Warranty documentation on our website here: https://mcc.vic.edu.au/student-resources/.

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 repair costs will not be covered under warranty. Devices can still be repaired on site, with costs to be paid by families. After the 3-year warranty expires, it is recommended a new device is purchased to ensure full warranty support.

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, and Lenovo's Education Warranty which includes the convenience of on-site servicing of devices. 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.