



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Library Technology Charge

At Margaret River SHS we ask all parents to contribute to keep the school up to date with technology. The money generated by this charge will directly help your child develop 21st Century Skills that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

The contribution is used to fund a wide range of infrastructure and resources that could not be provided without your help, they include but are not limited to:

- Printing allowance for each student
- Cyber Safety workshop for parents and students
- Library Smartsuite
- ETV
- High speed internet (550Mbps)
- Online subscription to resources
- Upgrading network to 10GB
- Compass
- TV4 Education & Curated Youtube
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- E-books & Audio Books
- Pressreader online
- Informit news database
- One to one ICT support

What you can do at home:

- Have your child become comfortable with navigating around the device
- Do no lock-down with too many parent controls
- Do not download malware (eg MacCleaner)

What we set up at school:

- Microsoft 365 (free)
- OneNote
- Compass
- E-books and Audio Books
- Stile
- Mathspace
- SmartLab
- Smartsuite & TV4 Education



CYBER SAFETY

Student Presentation (ysafe.com.au)
Parent Presentation (ysafe.com.au)
eSafety website ([safety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au))

Resources on MRSHS website:

- ICT Information
- Parent Guide to ICT, BYOD & Memorandum of Understanding
- ICT Student Agreement
- Third party services used at MRSHS
- ICT Help



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

“Bring your own device” (BYOD) refers to a technology model that allows students to bring their own devices to school for learning in the classroom. At Margaret River SHS we ask students to bring a device to school as a tool for learning. As this device will be in the hand of your child, we make a few recommendations to ensure your choice will last and be fit for purpose.

Purchasing a device – Minimum Specifications

The following specifications guidelines ensure the device can be supported within the Margaret River SHS network. A Windows or Mac laptop integrates more effectively into our ICT workflow. Devices should comply with the minimum specs listed below:

- A screen size of 13” to 14” (note- larger than this may be difficult to carry around)
- SSD (Solid State Drive) 256GB or 512GB
- 16GB RAM
- Operating system: Windows 11 or Mac OSX 10.15 or later
- Battery life of 5+ hours
- Physical keyboard & mouse/touch pad
- Robust: they will possibly use the same device for 3+ years.
- Invest in extended warranty and insurance, accidents happen, and repairs cost a lot more and take longer without it
- We recommend a touchscreen and stylus pen – this allows students to write digital notes, keep up their hand-writing skills and embed learning with active participation.

We do not recommend a Chromebook, iPad or Android tablet.

While these devices will be able to access the internet they are not compatible with school software, NAPLAN and printing.

BYOD Models for MRSHS

- We have partnered with Winthrop Australia in offering a One-to-One program available to students. Please see our buying portal at <https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/margaretrivershs> to view the different devices, buying/rental options, warranties and details.
- You are welcome to source and buy from a vendor of your choice or use one you already own.
- *Example devices:*

⇒ the following devices are offered in the portal from 25/06/2025 but are liable to change.

👉 **Please see the portal for the most current recommended devices:**

With touch screen:

- Lenovo 13W G2 Yoga 2:1 Notebook 13.3" Pen and Touch R5 16GB 256GB
- Lenovo 13w 2-in-1 Gen 3 13.3" WUXGA Tch U300 16GB 256GB W11P
- Lenovo L13 Yoga G5 13" U5-125U 16GB 256GB W11P

Without touch screen:

- Apple MacBook Air (M2)/ 13"/ Apple M2/ 16GB/ 256GB
- Apple MacBook Air (M4)/13"/ Apple M4/ 16GB/ 256GB