***Important note* - Devices running the Surface RT, Windows 10 S / S Mode, Google ChromeOS (ChromeBooks) and Android are NOT SUPPORTED**. If applicable, please follow the instructions on our web page to "switch out of S Mode".

***Important note* -** Devices with only a 2.4Ghz wireless radio are NOT SUPPORTED.

Laptop Specifications for Year 4 to 12. Printable version.

Standard Laptop – Expect to pay over $800 for a better experience.

Hardware

PC Laptop

> 11 inch screen minimum
> Intel Pentium Processor (Quad Core) or AMD A6 or greater.
> 8GB RAM
> 256GB Hard Drive Storage minimum, SSD preferable
> 2 USB ports
> Wifi 802.11 ac – 5GHz Wireless Radio.
> Integrated speakers and microphone with headphone/ microphone jack.
> Windows 11 or later Operating System
> Ensure that the device can operate for a minimum of 6 hours on battery

Apple Mac Device

> **!!MacBooks are not compatible with the ITD/Graphics software (Autodesk) taught at the college!**
> **Must be capable of running (at a minimum) macOS 11 Big Sur or later**
> Above minimum hardware specifications are still applicable when purchasing an Apple Mac laptop.

Apple iPad

> Apple iPad needs to be running iPadOS 16 or later to ensure compatibility with latest apps.
> 9.7" screen minimum - iPad Mini **not supported**.
> Minimum *64gb storage - *Applies to iPad devices ONLY
> Physical keyboard is mandatory for proper typing experience (either Bluetooth or Apple Smart Connector compatible accessory)
> Apple Pencil is a great addition if the iPad purchased supports it.

Software

> Office 365 including OneNote. Click here to go to the Free Installation for students enrolled at an Education Queensland institution.

> Adobe Express is now available for free, sign in with your EQ email and password.
> For specific subjects students may need the full version, they will be advised by their relevant teacher when their course requires it and the appropriate license will be allocated. If a student not enrolled in a subject specific course would like to utilise the full version software, a license can be acquired for a small fee through finance. To issue the license, the student needs to present the receipt to IT as proof of purchase, the student license will then be created for Adobe Creative Cloud.

Graphic/Higher End Laptop
Suited for students studying Multimedia, Graphics / Industrial Design Technology, Art, ICT. Expect to pay minimum $1100 for a suitable laptop

Hardware

PC Laptop

        13 inch screen minimum

        Intel Pentium Core i5 or AMD Ryzen3 or greater. (M1 or M2 processor for Mac)

        16GB RAM Minimum

        256GB Hard Drive Storage minimum, SSD preferable.

        Dedicated Video/Graphics Card. nVidia GeForce or AMD Radeon with minimum 1GB dedicated Video Memory (This is strongly recommended for students partaking in Graphics/IDT or Film/TV for the extra processing power of a dedicated graphics card)

        2 USB ports, USB Type C would also be advantageous.

        Wifi 802.11 ac – 5GHz Wireless Radio.

        Integrated speakers and microphone with headphone/ microphone jack.

        External wired or wireless mouse.

        Windows 11 or later Operating System

        Ensure that the device can operate for a minimum of 6 hours.

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