



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

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Dear Parents

Boys entering College in 2021 are required to have one of the following laptops (minimum requirements):

- MacBook Air or MacBook Pro with a minimum of 8GB memory and 256GB storage and is running macOS Catalina 10.15.6 or later
- MacBook Air or MacBook Pro must have sufficient battery life to last the school day

In addition to the laptop the following is also recommended:

- a hard case or sleeve (these can be purchased at the Uniform Shop) to protect the laptop while it is used at College
- a backpack to carry the laptop in, if your son does not have an existing backpack
- a backup USB flash drive or USB hard drive – to be left at home, but used to backup any files stored on the laptop
- insurance cover for potential damage – there are laptop insurance policies available from various vendors
- we also recommend the laptop has an extended warranty. This does not have to be an Apple warranty – there are third party warranties available.

College has a software installation process which ensures that all boys can install the correct software for Mac laptops. This includes printing software and the Adobe Creative Cloud suite.

We encourage the boys to take responsibility for managing their laptops and we provide opportunities to assist them, through our classroom programmes and our Digital Services help desk.

College uses PB Tech as its main Mac supplier and they have a portal which lists recommended laptops and accessories for College. Although PB Tech is College's preferred supplier you are not required to purchase from them – seek the best deal.