

Student Laptops for 2018



CHRIST'S COLLEGE
CANTERBURY

BOYS ENTERING COLLEGE IN 2018 ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LAPTOPS:

- Macbook Air with a minimum of 8GB memory and 256GB storage
- Macbook Pro with a minimum of 8GB memory and 256GB storage
- existing Macbook Pro/Air - which has sufficient battery life to last the day and is running macOS Sierra (10.12.x)

The Macbook Air will be fine for most boys. It is very light in weight and has more than enough battery life to survive a normal school day. If your son is entering College at a senior level, and undertaking subjects which have a significant digital component (e.g. Digital Media, Media Studies, Music), then we recommend the 13 inch Macbook Pro with 8GB memory as a minimum.

In addition to the laptop the following is also recommended:

- a hard case or sleeve 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 hard drive/flash 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 that 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 the 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.