

# Student Laptops for 2017



CHRIST'S COLLEGE  
CANTERBURY

## **BOYS ENTERING COLLEGE IN 2017 ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LAPTOPS:**

- Macbook Air with 8GB RAM recommended, or
- Macbook Pro with 8GB RAM recommended, or
- existing Macbook Pro/Air - which has sufficient battery life to last the day and can run the latest Mac OS

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 ram as a minimum.

College is part of the Apple 1:1 programme for 2017 - which provides educational pricing for laptops through Cyclone Computers. You are not obliged to purchase from them but they can offer their own extended warranty as well as other services such as laptop insurance. More details, including a purchasing portal, will be linked from the College web site later in the year.

## **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 the Mac laptops. This includes printing software, Adobe Creative Cloud and Vectorworks CAD software.

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 Technologies help desk.