



OAKBANK
SCHOOL

BYOD Handbook

All Oakbank School students in Years 7-12 are required to bring their own laptop daily. Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program allows students to either purchase a recommended laptop or bring an appropriate device to access the school's network and resources for learning. This ensures every student has 1:1 device access throughout their secondary schooling.

Digital technologies are reshaping the world we live in on a daily basis. The Department for Education's Digital Strategy builds upon research that establishes that appropriately designed learning activities that make use of personal digital devices have a range of benefits for student learning.

Meaningful adoption and use of devices enables:

- improved independence
- learning flexibility
- ability to research
- communication and collaboration.

One-to-one access to personal digital devices has been shown to lift academic achievement, including improvements in literacy and numeracy.

Other research suggests personal digital device use can enable a 'dynamic, exciting learning environment' and it can help with 'levelling the playing field' by connecting all students to 'online content and tools regardless of location, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status'.

Personal digital devices also remove barriers for students with special needs and students who are second language learners.

The acceptable use of devices for learning is governed by our **Cybersafety & ICT User Agreement**, fostering responsible and appropriate use of resources in an environment that is safe as possible.



How do I get a laptop?

1

Purchase a recommended laptop oakbank.orderportal.com.au

Choose from 2 great laptop models that meet school requirements from LWT.

2

Use or purchase your own laptop

Bring an existing laptop or source your own that meets our requirements.

3

Apply for the Laptop Access Scheme (LAS) for School Card Families

Oakbank School, in partnership with the School Device Program, offers families who apply for and are eligible for School Card in 2026 free* access to a laptop device for the school year for secondary (years 7 - 12) students.

Devices remain the property of Oakbank School. **Laptop Access Scheme Device Loan Applications** available at oakbank.sa.edu.au/byod

Emergency Day Loan & Special Circumstances (SCL) Short & Long-term loans

When the unforeseen happens, limited numbers of day, short or long-term loan* laptops are available on application for special circumstances or during repairs.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

* Refundable deposits apply of \$100 (LAS, SCL Long Term) & \$50 (SCL Short Term). See loan applications for full details.

Purchase a Recommended Laptop

oakbank.orderportal.com.au

Oakbank School has selected Learning with Technology (LWT) to offer selected laptops to our students which meet our minimum specifications.



Visit the LWT Oakbank School Online Ordering Portal for full specifications, comparisons, pricing and availability.

Multiple payment options are including up to 12 months interest free, subject to the finance provider's approval.



Touch Model 16GB
Intel Core 5 13.3" with pen



Non-Touch Model 16GB
Intel Core Ultra 5 14"

Why purchase a laptop from LWT?



Easy Graphical Comparison

To help parents choose the right device LWT uses easy to understand graphic icons to help parents compare units using a side by side comparison of key specifications to help their choice.



Commercial Grade Devices

The devices LWT offer via their portals are commercial grade that you won't find in a retail store. Built to a higher quality and with a **3 year warranty** they are designed to last longer than their retail counterparts.



Delivered directly to you

Orders are processed straight away and usually arrive in 1-2 weeks via Australia Post eParcel. The Portal gives a general idea of availability and wait times for orders.



Hassle Free Quick Onsite Servicing

The student environment often leads to a higher number of repairs. Onsite support at the school greatly reduces frustrations for parents. Getting a retail device repaired usually takes weeks and quite often requires the parent to take time out of their day.











3 Year Onsite Education Warranty – Includes impact damage & liquid spills

Unlike most warranties, **Lenovo's 3 Year Onsite Standard Education Warranty - 3 Year on Battery** - covers impact damage, liquid spills - if unit is deemed uneconomical to repair due to damage, the unit will be replaced and damage coverage ends. No repair costs.

Supply your own Laptop

Use your own or source a new one

This can be a laptop you already have, or a new laptop you purchase independently. We require a laptop running Windows or MacOS for compatibility. Please use the following minimum requirements as a guide to suitability:

Operating System	 Windows: 11	 MacOS 14 onwards
CPU	 5	Modern Intel Core 5 Ultra Core 5, AMD R5 or Mac M2
Memory	 8GB	RAM (Minimum – 16GB recommended)
Storage	 128GB+	SSD or larger
Battery	 All day (6h+)	battery life. Students are responsible for bringing their device to school charged. Charging facilities are not always available
Screen	 13"-15"	Screen (13"-14" recommended) Touch screen not required, but is a popular option.
Warranty:	 3 years ideal.	Look for onsite or a local repair centre.

When selecting a laptop, please consider the following factors:



Can I use a Chromebook or tablet?



Sorry, we DO NOT support Chromebooks



We strongly recommend a full laptop running **Windows** or **MacOS** for compatibility. Students can use tablets, but we recommend a physical keyboard, and may find that some applications and web apps may not work on these devices.



What is it designed for?

Is the laptop designed for home use or is it designed for use at schools and businesses? Business models general have a more rugged build



How long does a laptop to last?

A medium-spec laptop will usually last 3-4 years. An entry-level laptop may only last 1-2 years.



What warranty does it have?

Standard warranty is only 1 year. Warranty covers faults and manufacturing defects – not damage. Some warranties are return-to-the-manufacturer, whilst others come to you.



What happens if it gets damaged?

If something breaks, where do I take it? How much will it cost? How long will it take?

Damage is NOT covered by a standard warranty or by the school. Ask your reseller where you would have to go for repairs and find out how much a screen replacement would be. Including labour, this can be as much as \$500-\$700.

We recommended taking out **Accidental Damage Protection (ADP)** or enquire with your Insurance company about coverage.

Our **recommended laptops** now come with an Education warranty that includes impact damage and spills.



Expectations

The expectation is that students bring a **working, charged laptop** to school each day. Parents, carers and students can talk to home group teachers, subschool leaders and the IT Manager should there be any issues with meeting this requirement.



Agreements & Policies

Acceptable Use Responsibility Use devices responsibly & appropriately Do not use VPNs to bypass filters at school.	Safety Respect Protect your personal information Respect your own & others' passwords.	Digital Citizenship Connection Respect rules & be aware of risks Honour the wellbeing & property of others.
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Students must adhere to the **Oakbank School Cybersafety / ICT Use Agreement** which we require all students and parents to sign.

The school reserves the right to monitor the content of student laptops at school. Any material on privately owned devices must be appropriate to the school environment. Breaches of this policy will follow the procedures outlined in the agreement. Where a student is suspected of an electronic crime, the South Australian Police will be notified.



Charging

Students are expected to charge their laptop at home and bring it to school every day fully charged. **Chargers can be used but are required to have a valid electrical testing tag.** Days will be made available to be tested yearly.



Security

Lockers are available for all students and it is the student's responsibility to not leave their valuables unattended or used by others. We recommend checking personal or home insurance to cover any unforeseen situations. **Oakbank School is not responsible for theft of or damage to any devices.**



Taking care of your laptop

- Use a protective, padded bag or sleeve
- Keep food or drink away from the laptop
- Try not to store any other items in the sleeve / case with the laptop
- Don't leave cords, cables or removable storage plugged in when storing your laptop
- Don't carry your laptop with the screen open.
- Don't lean on or place books or heavy items on top of the laptop when it is closed.
- Clean your screen only with a soft, dry cloth.



Software & Services



EdPass / EdPass Portal edpass.sa.edu.au

Students are provided with a username, password and email address. The EdPass Portal is the go-to site to access most school provided services.



Daymap

Our learning management system provides access to timetables, student work and resources.



Microsoft 365 (Online + Apps)

Microsoft 365 apps (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook & OneDrive etc) are provided **free of charge** via the **EdPass Portal**. Sign in with student school email address to activate.



OneDrive

We strongly recommend that students install **OneDrive** for backup and accessibility of files.



Adobe CC

Products may be supplied for senior students whilst studying specific subjects.



Papercut

Students are able to print their work to printers at school with **Student ID/EdPass**.



Support

dl.0762.icthelp@schools.sa.edu.au

Oakbank School IT Services will assist to connect your compatible device to our network.

This process includes installing:

- Our internet filtering security certificate
- Papercut printing software.
- Onsite only training/monitoring software.

Faults, Warranty & Repairs

Device purchased from the recommended program:

The school will provide additional assistance with warranty and accidental damage claims with LWT.

Devices purchased outside of the program:

The school will provide advice and limited support for any issues, but cannot provide repairs or service.



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