



## Purchasing Devices

As we are a government agency, we cannot recommend a particular retailer or provider of specific devices. The preferred device for Garran Primary School is a Chromebook. Some retailers that sell these devices are JB Hifi, Officeworks, Harvey Norman, and Domayne. The other option families may consider when purchasing is online through the school portal (link provided to all year 4 families).

### What is a Chromebook?

Chromebooks are lightweight laptops designed for online use. They run an operating system called Chrome OS, which is similar to Windows or Mac OS X, but actually sits on top of a Linux platform.

Chromebooks look like traditional laptops. They are fast and secure, and support multiple users. Many Chromebooks have an 11.6-inch screen, but 13, 14 and even 15.6-inch versions are also available. You can buy Chromebooks from well-known computer manufacturers like Dell, Toshiba, HP, Acer, Samsung, Lenovo and more.

### There are a number of reasons for why a Chromebook is our preferred option for our Bring Your Own Device Program:

- Chromebooks are the preferred device for BYOD programs in a number of local high schools, including Alfred Deakin High School which is our in area high school.
- Chromebooks log in almost instantly so there is no wasted time waiting for the machine to boot, reboot or install updates.
- Chromebooks look just like a regular laptop and have an adequate size keyboard that complements learning to type effectively.
- Chromebooks have a long battery life, allowing them to be charged at home and have enough power to last up to a week in the BYOD environment.
- Chromebooks are generally lighter in weight than regular laptops.
- The Chrome OS has built-in virus and malware protection that is always updated to the latest version, so you never need to worry about malicious files when using a Chromebook.

Students are required to have their own headphones and mouse to use with their device.