2027 Device Program

At Fahan School, the use of personal devices empowers girls to learn and work to their potential and we pride ourselves on teaching them essential skills which they will carry for life. Our successful program integrates technology seamlessly across classrooms and year levels, and girls are able to work on one device at School or at home. They are provided secure, high-speed wireless network access, content delivered from our School intranet, and The Tree - our learning management system. The Tree enables technology and eResources to be embedded across all levels of curriculum and our girls now use their devices regularly to create and submit work online, collaborate with peers and teachers, and access electronic textbooks and resources.

Each year the School reviews our Device Program against the needs of our girls and the curriculum. The aim of this program is to streamline the development of skills and teach ownership, responsibility, and appropriate use.

Year Group	Device	Management
Kinder to Year 2	Students are provided access to shared iPads in the classroom.	iPads are School managed and remain in the classroom. These devices are covered under School levies. More information about these devices can be found at www.apple.com.au/ipad
Year 3	All students are provided with a School-owned iPad.	iPads are School managed and remain in the classroom. These devices are covered under School levies. More information about these devices can be found at www.apple.com.au/ipad
Years 4-6	Years 4 - 6 are provided with a School-owned Windows Laptop.	These Laptops are School managed but may travel to and from home with students when required. These devices are covered under School levies.
Years 7-11 (excluding Year 9)	Fahan School is transitioning to a fully managed device program for Years 7 - 12 by 2028. These students are provided a School-owned Windows Laptop managed by the School.	These Laptops are School managed but may travel to and from home with students when required. These devices are covered under School levies.
Years 9 & 12	Students are required to bring their own laptop. Any Apple or Windows Laptop running a current operating system is acceptable.	Laptops are personally managed. These devices are purchased by the family and not covered under School levies or insurance.

Laptops can be purchased at any reputable retailer. Fahan School students are provided an educational discount at JBHIFI. Their products can be found using the following link - https://byod.jbhifi.education/ using code: FAHAN

Fahan School provides each student with a licence for Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud.

If you have any further questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Head of ICT, Thomas Blackwood, via email at blackwoodt@fahan.tas.edu.au.

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Overview

In 2026, Fahan School launched a School-managed laptop program for students in the Senior School. This program will be phased in over a 3-year period with students in Years 7 and 10 participating from 2026 and culminate in all Senior School Students participating in the program by 2028. Students in the program are issued a premium Windows laptop, configured for our School systems.

This program replaces the previous bring your own device (BYOD) program and has numerous advantages including:

- Fahan School purchasing devices at scale for lower cost
- Families pay a yearly levy to the school for the use of a device instead of single large upfront cost from retail stores
- Immediate replacement device in the event of loss or damage
- Full helpdesk support for all hardware and software issues

The cost of the program is covered by a device levy which forms part of the ICT Levy, the cost of which will be listed on our website as part of the Schedule of Fees. This cost includes:

- Loan equipment (Laptop, Laptop charger, Protective case)
- Full IT support for faults and issues
- Device repairs / replacements
- Internet content filtering at School and home

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to participate?

The program is being phased in over a 3-year period starting in 2026. The table below describes the Year levels and participation obligations based on calendar year:

	2027	2028
Year 7	Compulsory	Compulsory
Year 8	Compulsory	Compulsory
Year 9	Opt-in	Compulsory
Year 10	Compulsory	Compulsory
Year 11	Compulsory	Compulsory
Year 12	No Participation	Compulsory

Year levels listed as Compulsory are required to participate in the program. Year levels listed as Opt-in can voluntarily join the program early before participation becomes compulsory in subsequent years. Year levels listed as No Participation do not have the ability to join the program.

If my child is eligible to Opt-in, how can I do so?

If you wish for your child to join the program earlier than scheduled, please send an email to the Head of ICT, Thomas Blackwood at blackwoodt@fahan.tas.edu.au to express your interest.

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Why is Fahan School making this change?

Fahan is moving to a School-managed laptop program to provide all students in Years 7–12 with consistent, reliable, secure devices that support modern learning by:

- Ensuring all students have access to the same high-quality technology
- Improving digital safety with school-managed security and web filtering
- Simplifying support with a consistent platform and reducing downtime with instant replacements
- Providing a consistent device experience from Years 4 to 12 ensuring continuity in digital learning progression.
- Ensuring students and staff are on the same computer platform to enable a supported digital learning environment.

Can we connect the School laptop to our home network?

Yes, the device can be used off campus just like a personal laptop. They will come supplied with anti-virus and web content filtering to provide protection even while at home.

What happens if my child damages or loses the laptop?

- If the laptop is damaged or lost, your child will immediately be issued a replacement. For devices that are lost, an additional fee will apply that is refundable if the device is found. The fee can be found in the One-to-One Managed Device Terms and Conditions on our website.

What is the specific device model?

Device selection will be reviewed annually to ensure suitability and device models may differ from year to year. For 2027 students will be issued a Microsoft Surface ARM Laptop with 13-inch screen and 512GB disk space. More details can be viewed from Microsoft's website.

Why did the School choose Windows devices over MacOS?

The School chose Windows devices because they offer better support for large-scale deployment and centralised management. Unlike Apple devices, Windows laptops can be fully integrated into our IT systems for remote updates, enhanced security, and streamlined support which is essential for a consistent and reliable managed device program.

Additionally, Fahan School recognises the growing importance of AI and Microsoft has proved it is positioning itself as a leader in education-focused AI tools. Features like Microsoft Copilot are built directly into Windows and Microsoft 365, giving students and teachers access to integrated, secure AI capabilities that are not currently available on macOS devices at the same scale or maturity.

Does the laptop come with any accessories?

The laptop will come with a charger and protective case. Additional accessories can be used with the laptop if they are compatible with a Windows laptop and do not hinder the protection of the protective case.

What happens if my child leaves midway through the year?

If a student withdraws from the School partway through the year, the device and equipment must be returned. The device levy will be refunded on a pro-rata term basis for the remaining part of the year, and no further payments will be required. No refund of the levy will apply for any absence from the School while still enrolled.

If you have other specific questions related to this program please contact our Head of ICT, Thomas Blackwood, via email at blackwoodt@fahan.tas.edu.au.