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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Grades 3 & 6 Student Laptops in 2024

In recent years, Stawell Primary School has committed significant financial resources ensuring all students have had direct individual access to laptops to support their learning. Due to a change in Education Department Policy, we can no longer continue this financial arrangement.

What will this mean for Parents and Guardians?

In order for your child to have individual access to a laptop device, you are encouraged to purchase a laptop through our preferred supplier – Learning With Technologies (LWT) using their dedicated online portal.

The online portal for laptops can be accessed using the link: https://stawellps.orderportal.com.au/
The online portal listed above gives the option of recommended devices for child's year level respectively in 2024.

By purchasing a laptop in this way, students will be able to access school onsite repairs for all warranty issues and insurance claims. The online portal also gives students the ability to configure their laptop purchase with the following extras: warranty, insurance, and laptop bags.

The portal also offers parents multiple methods of payment including credit card, PayPal and Lay-by. They also offer 36-month payments via Latitude Finance. Please note, as outlined on the LWT website:-

- Models and pricing are subject to change.
- Parents can choose to pay a \$100.00 deposit at checkout and pay the remainder when stock / laptop arrives, this will secure you a device.
- The Lenovo laptop has the advantage of offering 4 years insurance on accidental breakage with \$0 excess.

We understand that this is a significant change and we are committed to ensuring that the process is as smooth as possible and that no student is disadvantaged. We have worked with Stawell Secondary College to ensure that, to the extent possible, devices are compatible and can be taken from Stawell Primary School to Stawell Secondary College.

Questions & Answers

- Q. Will my child be disadvantaged if I don't purchase a laptop?
- **A.** They will not be disadvantaged but they may not have access to an individual laptop. Instead, they may be asked to work in pairs / groups sharing a device.
- Q. If I do purchase a laptop will it be compatible with Stawell Secondary College?
- **A.** Yes, for the grade 6 students we have worked in collaboration with Stawell Secondary College and laptops will be transferable between schools offering a smooth transition.
- Q. Can my student use their own device (Bring your own device)?
- A. Yes, but it must meet the minimum specifications outlined below.
- Q. Will my ordered laptop be delivered to my home address or to Stawell Primary School?
- **A.** You can choose either option, but if you get your laptop delivered direct to Stawell Primary School, laptops will be set up by the students, with assistance from the school technician, and connected to school printers & Wi-Fi (edupass details).

BYOD Minimum Specifications	
Grade 3	Grade 6
Minimum Screen Size of 11.6"	Minimum Screen Size of 13.3"
Intel Celeron/Pentium Processor	Core i3 Gen 10 Processor / AMD Ryzen 3
• 4GB RAM	Processor
 Operating System of Windows Pro 10 64Bit 	8GB RAM
128GB SSD Hard drive	Operating System of Windows Pro 10 64Bit
7 Hour Battery	256GB SSD Hard drive
802.11 a/b/g/n wireless LAN	7 Hour Battery
Be less than 4 years old	802.11 a/b/g/n wireless LAN
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If you have any questions or concerns, please phone the General Office on 5358 1255 or for technical queries please email stawell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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Yours sincerely,

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