Welcome

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MyTech

Wollondilly Anglican College

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MyTech Device Minimum Requirements

Minimum Requirements for MyTech devices:

- Screen size: 10.8 inch
- Screen resolution: 1024 x 768
- Windows/Mac hard disk minimum storage: 120 GB
- Windows/Mac minimum memory: 4 GB, preferably 8 GB RAM
- The device should be running a recent version of Microsoft Windows or Apple macOS. Limited versions of Windows such as Windows RT or 10 S are not suitable.
- Wireless Connectivity: 802.11 G, N or AC
- Audio/Video: Headphone and Microphone Ports
- No mobile data connectivity allowed (ie no 4G embedded support/no SIM cards allowed) whilst at the College.
- Full QWERTY Keyboard suitable for touch-typing
- Minimum expected Battery Life of six hours
- Robust carry-case

Examples of devices that are NOT suitable:

- Smartphone of any kind
- Older Windows laptop running Vista or XP
- Android tablet, or Apple iPad
- Windows Surface RT (any version, but Surface Pro are okay)
- Chrome book
- Any older device that doesn't meet the minimum requirements
- Device with less than six hours battery life

Examples of devices that ARE suitable:

- Windows laptop running a currently supported version of Windows (ie HP, Acer, Asus, Dell, Toshiba etc)
- Apple Macbook/Air/Pro laptop running a currently supported version of Operating System (updates are free)
- Microsoft Surface Pro

If students already have a device that meets the minimum specifications, then there is no need to purchase another device.

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Technology has revolutionised almost every part of our lives. It is used in most workplaces to increase efficiencies and enable people to perform their jobs better. In order to prepare students for this kind of workplace it is our endeavour to have them engage in a wide variety of technologies and to provide them with the skills to be able to adapt to the rapid pace of technological change. This includes teaching them digital citizenship **values** to match their skills. **MyTech** is a program that involves every secondary student bringing their own device to the College.

MyTech allows us to help our students become 21st century learners who are creative and critical thinkers and can work collaboratively with others. Each student having access to their own device allows teachers much greater flexibility to work at developing these skills. To facilitate this, the College has implemented a cloud based Learning Management System called *Canvas*. *Canvas* allows students to access classwork and move through activities at their own pace.

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While many students are consolidating the understanding of key concepts, more advanced students can be working on higher order thinking tasks to challenge and extend them. In this way, technology can create more interactive and engaging lessons to enhance our learning culture.

It is important that technology does not replace the explicit teaching of concepts or the interaction between the teacher and the students. Students are still required to complete handwritten tasks, particularly in Years 11 and 12. We are conscious of the need for students to maintain their handwriting skills. However, we are also aware that NAPLAN is moving to online testing and it has also been flagged by NESA that the HSC may also be measured in this way in the future.

MyTech allows teachers to work in partnership with parents to develop a wide range of skills that will help ensure our students are well equipped to move from the College into further education or the workforce. The specification for **MyTech** devices can be found on the next page. If you have any specific questions regarding **MyTech** or device specifications please check the **MyTech** section of the College website http://mytech.wac.nsw.edu.au or feel free to email **mytech@wac.nsw.edu.au**

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