

Point Cook Senior Secondary College ICT Program 2024

In 2024 Point Cook Senior Secondary College is continuing its Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program that will ensure every student has access to devices and resources that enhance their learning experiences and allows students to achieve to their potential.

The following information and documents will help you understand the ICT environment at PCSSC and what to expect. Please read it carefully and return the required, signed documents to the school.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

At Point Cook Senior Secondary College we are excited to continue our use of IT in education. As we further develop the effective use of IT to benefit student learning we have taken the decision to continue the BYOD model for year 10 students in 2024. This program will ensure that students have access to an IT rich curriculum that delivers an opportunity to demonstrate high level educational outcomes across all subject areas.

What is a BYOD program?

A Bring Your Own Device program is when students will bring their own device to school for use in the classroom.

Why a BYOD program?

- Improve student engagement in a dynamic and contemporary curriculum
- Ensure access for all students to the college network
- Provide opportunities for parents to be active partners in their child's education
- Bridge the gap between home and school

What are the expectations?

- Parents
 - Provide a device (laptop or netbook) that students can use at school
 - Utilise your child's device, online parent portal and other IT tools to track student progress and communicate with the College
- Students
 - All students will have a device that they will bring to school each day
 - Strive to use IT tools to improve their learning and level of achievement
 - Abide by the schools policies regarding internet and device usage
- Staff/College
 - Provide a contemporary curriculum that is enhanced by the use of IT
 - Provide opportunities for student learning through IT
 - Commit to professional development aimed at improving IT use in the classroom
 - Provide staff with hardware and software required to enhance curriculum delivery in IT
 - Assist students in accessing the college network

Which device should my child bring?

Students should bring a device that is able to create and edit common file types (word processing, spreadsheets, presentations) and that have multimedia functionality (movie/photo/audio files). Devices should also be able to access the internet in order to use web based teaching and learning platforms such as Google Classroom.

The ICT staff will endeavour to support whatever device your child chooses to bring in however, due to the large range of devices and operating systems on the market, we cannot guarantee that every device will be able to successfully and reliably connect to the college network.

If you have any questions about the type of device to be utilised and what is appropriate, please contact the college at point.cook.senior.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 9395 9271.

If you have extenuating circumstances that make it difficult to supply a device for your child, please contact the college to discuss it as we will have some capacity for students to access second hand devices for 2024.

Google Apps for Education

In 2024 teachers and student will be using Google Apps for Education (GAPE) as an online classroom. The use of these apps will enable a greater level of collaboration for students and enrich their learning experiences. Connections between staff and students will be enhanced in a way that means feedback is more immediate and relevant. Because the tools are online, students will have greater access to learning materials both at school and at home, creating a deeper immersion in their learning.

To enable your child to sign-on and access these online services as part of our schools teaching and learning program, Google require access to your child's Department of Education & Training username, first and last name, year level and school. You may request that Point Cook Senior not provide this information to Google, and opt-out your child from using Google Apps. As a result, your child will not have access to the online services and alternate arrangements for allocating work will be made.

To opt-out of using Google Apps for Education, please read, complete and return the Google Apps for Education Opt-Out form. This form is available for download from the College website.

eBooks

A related initiative of the ICT program is that it will allow us to utilise the Jacaranda JacPlus digital bundle in Science, Maths, History, English and PE. The digital bundle through the Winc eBook ReadCloud app provides fantastic online learning resources and activities for students at a dramatic saving compared with previously used hard copy texts.

The digital format allows students and staff to interact with the subject content for a richer learning experience. Students are able to receive instant feedback on tasks an, track their learning behaviours and monitor their own performance using the JacPlus platform.

Further information:

- Also included in this pack is a Responsible Use Agreement for students, detailing the rights and responsibilities of students, the school and parents/carers. All students must have this agreement filled in and returned to the school prior to having a device connected to the school network. Please read, complete and return the agreement by August 11th, 2024.
- You are welcome to contact the school at point.cook.senior.sc@education.vic.gov.au or on 9395 9271 with questions or inquiries.