



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Miami State High School operates a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** program to support student learning.

A new device is **not required** to participate in the program. If your student already has a laptop, it may be suitable for school use. Families who would like to check the suitability of an existing device can contact our IT team at **itsupport@miamishs.eq.edu.au**.

The **BYOD Information Booklet** outlines the device specifications and information required for students to access the school network and learning software. It also includes all required BYOD forms.

Many curriculum materials are stored on the school server. Students can access these files while at school and may copy them to their laptop for use at home. Students may also speak with IT support staff about setting up **folder synchronisation** on their device.

Before You Buy - Device Checklist

Before purchasing a laptop for school, please ensure the device meets the following requirements:

- ✓ Laptop device (not a tablet)
- ✓ Windows 11 operating system
- ✓ Intel or AMD processor
- ✓ Minimum 8GB RAM
- ✓ Minimum 256GB storage
- ✓ Ability to connect to **5GHz WiFi**
- ✓ Screen size **11.6 inches or larger**
- ✓ Minimum **6 hours battery life**
- ✓ Built-in camera
- ✓ At least **2 USB ports and a headphone port**

Please note the following devices are **not supported** on the EQ network:

- Chromebooks
- Android tablets
- iPads
- Snapdragon or ARM-based devices



Minimum Device Specifications

Devices used at Miami State High School must meet the following minimum requirements.

Operating System

Windows 11

Processor

Intel i3 or AMD Ryzen 3

Snapdragon or ARM processors are not supported within the EQ network.

Memory (RAM)

8GB or higher

Storage

256GB or higher

Wireless Connectivity

5GHz capability

Battery Life

6 hours or more

Screen Size

11.6 inches or larger

Required Features

- 2 x USB ports
- Headphone port
- Camera

Recommended Device Specifications

For improved performance and longevity, the following specifications are recommended.

Operating System

Windows 11

Processor

Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5

Snapdragon or ARM processors are not supported within the EQ network.



Memory (RAM)

16GB or higher

Storage

512GB or higher

Wireless Connectivity

WiFi 5 (802.11ac) or higher

Battery Life

6 hours or more

Screen Size

11.6 inches or larger

Recommended Features

- 2 x USB ports
- Headphone port
- Camera
- USB-C charging

Device Care and Protection

Students should transport their laptop in a **protective case** to reduce the risk of damage.

Standard manufacturer warranties generally **do not cover**:

- Accidental drops
- Cracked screens
- Physical damage
- Fire
- Theft

Families are encouraged to investigate **Accidental Damage Protection** when purchasing a device.

Fire and theft may not be covered by device protection plans and may require coverage under **home or personal insurance policies**.

Miami State High School does **not manage or process insurance claims**. All claims must be handled directly with the relevant insurance provider.



Software

Students have access to the following software:

- **Microsoft Office** - available free to all EQ students
- **Adobe Creative Suite** - installed as required by curriculum areas

Helpful Links

Please use the links below for instructions and downloads.

1. IT Instructions for All Students
2. Download School Printer for Windows Laptops
3. Download School Printer for Mac Laptops
4. Download and Install Microsoft Office

Students must also install the **NAPLAN Browser** on their device. Please use the link provided to install the browser for Windows or Mac laptops.

Purchasing Advice

Approved purchasing portals may be listed here.

Miami State High School cannot recommend a specific brand or device. This aligns with the **Public Sector Ethics Act 1994**, which requires advice to be objective, independent, apolitical and impartial.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does my child need a new laptop?

No. If your student already has a laptop that meets the required specifications, it may be used at school.

Can my child bring a Chromebook, iPad or tablet?

No. Chromebooks, iPads and Android tablets are not supported on the EQ network.

Can my child bring a Mac laptop?

Mac laptops may be used; however, some software and school network functions may be limited compared to Windows devices.



What if I am unsure if our device is suitable?

Please email the device specifications to **itsupport@miamishs.eq.edu.au** and the IT team will assist.

Does the school recommend a specific laptop?

No. Under the **Public Sector Ethics Act 1994**, schools must provide impartial advice and cannot recommend a specific brand or supplier.