



MountClear College

Laptop Program 2020

Over the past four years, Mount Clear College has transitioned from an iPad program to a laptop program. In 2020, all students completing Years 7-12 are required to have a laptop computer that meets the specifications of our College.



We encourage families to purchase a device through the College. Not only have we accessed these laptops at an extremely discounted price due to the bulk order, but onsite technical support and accidental damage insurance is included.

Laptop Program

Students have the option of purchasing a laptop through the school at a heavily discounted rate. Devices purchased through the school have the added bonuses of onsite maintenance by the Mount Clear College IT technicians, a 3 year onsite Warranty and 3 year Acer Accidental Damage Protection Insurance (1 Claim Per Year - \$0 excess). Further information about the device offered is listed over the page.

How much does the laptop cost?

We have been able to negotiate a fantastic reduction for the bulk purchase and are pleased to pass on this saving to our College families - You will only be required to pay \$807.00.

How do I purchase a laptop through the school?

You have the choice of the following two options.

- **Purchase outright** – pay \$807.00 to the College and complete the '2020 - Laptop Order - Round 1' form on Compass by 29 November, 2019. The laptop will be available for collection on the 10 December 2019 (Orientation Day) and full ownership transferred to the Parent/Guardian.

or

- **Compass Payment Instalment Plan** - a payment plan is available that requires payment of \$403.50 by the 20 January 2020 (via the first 4 instalments displayed in red below). Once this amount has been received the device will be made available for collection. The remaining 5 instalments of \$80.70 will be **automatically debited** from the nominated bank account that you select via the Compass system, until the final payment on 20 June, 2020. The laptop can be collected after the deposit of \$403.50 is paid, *however ownership of the laptop will not be transferred to the Parent/Guardian until the total payment of \$807.00 has been paid (ie. all scheduled instalments paid).*

Payment Instalment Dates			
20/10/2019	\$161.40	20/02/2020	\$80.70
20/11/2019	\$80.70	20/03/2020	\$80.70
20/12/2019	\$80.70	20/04/2020	\$80.70
20/01/2020	\$80.70	20/05/2020	\$80.70
Paid to this date	\$403.50	20/06/2020	\$80.70

Please note: ownership of the laptop will not be transferred to the Parent/Guardian until the total payment of \$807.00 has been paid (ie. all scheduled instalments are paid).

Specifications for the recommended laptop

ACER - TRAVELMATE B118

- Acer Travelmate B118 Spin G2 - 11.6" Touch, Active Stylus
- 11.6" Multi-touch FHD IPS LCD
- 128GB M.2 Solid State Drive
- Intel Pentium N5000 Quad Core Processor
- Onboard 4 GB DDR4 Memory
- Intel HD Graphics
- Intel 7265NGWG 802.11AC + BT
- WiDi compatible + Bluetooth 4.0
- Battery life: Up to 13 hours

- HD webcam
- 2 x USB Ports:(1 x USB 3.0, 1 x USB 2.0)
- 1 x HDMI with HDCP support
- Headphone-line out/Microphone-line in jack (3.5mm Standard)
- RJ-45 Port
- SD Card reader

- 1.50 kg
- 291 (W) x 211 (D) x 23.35 (H) mm

- **3 Year Notebook / Tablet Acer Accidental Damage Protection Insurance (1 Claim Per Year with \$0 excess) – this insurance includes claim limits please read PDS ***



\$807 incGST Device is supplied with a bag

** Please read the Combined Financial Services Guide and Product Disclosure Statement available on our College website*



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why are laptops essential for all students at Mount Clear College?

Laptops are an essential learning tool for students at every year level at Mount Clear College. They support students to access learning from all over the world and to build skills and knowledge of programs that are essential in many work and further training pathways. Students will need to use laptops across all subjects in a variety of ways. Some examples are:

- Essential Assessment- a program used in Maths to target personalised skill development. It is used in most lessons from Years 7-9 and is very engaging for students.
- Education Perfect - used regularly in Languages and junior English subjects to develop students' subject literacy skills. We are looking to extend this program to junior Science and Humanities classes in 2020.
- Ed Rolo- a highly valuable online tutorial program spanning a number of VCE subjects. It includes video tutorials and practice exam questions.
- Clickview- a Department of Education library of video resources that students need to access at various times throughout the year.
- eTextbooks- lighter than traditional textbooks and offer a richer, more immersive learning experience.

Why is a laptop program important?

The laptop program is designed to enable our students to thrive as global citizens, allowing them to:

- Learn anywhere, anytime
- Initiate their own learning
- Involve their family in their education through ready access to Compass and Learning Tasks
- Create media rich presentations and projects
- Instantly access information to enrich their learning
- Easily transfer their online school work from home to school and vice versa
- Keep in close contact with the school's online portal for class changes, events and excursions, learning tasks and homework, as well as the College newsfeed

A stimulating and innovative learning environment is required to connect with today's student and equip them for tomorrow's world.

Will there be a warranty and what happens with Insurance?

A device purchased through our College has a 3-year warranty and 3-year accidental damage protection insurance is included.

What is the expected lifetime of the device offered through the College?

The device offered through the College is expected to function effectively for approximately three to five years, depending on individual use. Students should therefore be able to use their device from Year 7 through to the end of Year 9 and, if maintained appropriately, be able to use this device in later years as they enter the senior school.

What is Mount Clear College contributing towards the Laptop program?

We have developed these options based on a proven model adopted by hundreds of schools called a co-contribution model. This means that both the school and families work together in providing the best possible educational experience for the student.

Our contribution towards the laptop program as a school is as follows:

- Office 365 software and Windows 10 (valued at \$100 per year)
- Educational software (valued at approx. \$1,000)
- Full technical support
- Using the College's buying power to offer you the lowest price
- A loan device if your device requires a warranty repair so that your child's learning can continue uninterrupted

Will future students be offered the same laptop?

As time progresses and new laptops are required, the model supplied may change. This is due to new models being regularly released and the changes in the value of the Australian dollar. However, all laptops will be the model determined to be the most suitable and durable to support the education of students at Mount Clear College.

I have an old device and would like to upgrade - what can I do with it?

The following third party provider offers trade-in pricing for used laptops and iPads:

<http://www.boomerangbuyback.com.au/index.aspx>

What if I can't afford to purchase a laptop?

Please contact our Business Manager so that we can assist you with support options. We aim to ensure no child is disadvantaged due to financial reasons outside of their control.

Can students put their own software/apps/songs/programs onto their laptop?

Students may download other programs, apps, software and songs onto their device, as long as this use does not impact on the storage space needed for educational resources and programs, or break the 'Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Digital Technologies'.

What happens if I leave the school?

Provided all payments have been completed, your laptop goes with you. The laptop is the property of your family and therefore will be taken with the student. Prior to leaving the school, the College's image will be removed from the device and the laptop will be returned to the student with Windows 10 Education. Families will be responsible for any outstanding finance agreements pertaining to the device.

What additional purchases might we face (e.g. accessories)?

If the device is purchased through the College, a bag is included. Additional accessories that may be considered, at your own expense, are headphones, a USB stick and a mouse.

What if I would like to use a device that I already own?

We appreciate that some families may already have a laptop and that they may wish to avoid buying a new one. If this is the case, please contact the College to speak with our Information Technology Manager.

What guidelines do you recommend for the usage of this device at home?

Your interest and encouragement is more important than your computer skills.

- Encourage the use of the laptop in open spaces within your home.
- Remind your child to charge the laptop overnight to ensure it is ready for school each day.
- Spend time with your child asking them to show you the places they use online. Make this a regular, ongoing conversation.
- Discuss strategies your child could use if they were upset by something sent or posted online. Telling you, not responding and leaving the site straight away, may be some first steps your child could take.
- Set time limits around laptop usage.
- Set in place agreed levels of personal information your child can share online. It is important private information such as their name, address, and images are kept just that – private.
- Encourage your child to think before they post information online. They should be aware that once information is posted online it can be difficult to retrieve it.
- Remind your child of the importance of keeping their password a secret. More often than not, accounts are hacked by someone known to the account holder, using a password they have obtained from the account holder.
- Try not to use the removal of technology as punishment for online issues. International research shows the number one reason young people give for not reporting online issues, including cyber bullying, is because they believe they will lose access to their online technology and communities.



Laptop Program

In order to use their devices at school and access the school Wi-Fi system, students need to:

1. Have their device set up by the IT technicians
2. Complete and submit the 'Acceptable User Agreement'

The IT technicians will install on your device the school's current eduSTAR image (windows only) which includes:

- The Wi-Fi certificate, shortcuts to the school website, Compass and Office 365
- Anti-virus and Microsoft suite

Responsibilities of students for devices and safe usage

Before devices are placed on the network, students will be required to read, sign and agree to the terms in the College's 'Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Digital Technologies'. This Agreement is a separate document. Students have the following responsibilities in regard to their devices:

- Care and maintenance of their devices. The College takes no responsibility for any damage or loss of a student's device. Insurance is provided for devices purchased directly from our College under this Laptop Program.
- Students are to ensure their device is fully charged prior to the start of each school day.
- The device should be carried in the bag at all times and stored safely in the student's locker when not in class use.
- When travelling to and from school the device must be in the student's school bag or in a protective bag of a similar nature. **Arrangements have been made with the Country Bus Coordinator to allow laptop bags to accompany students on their bus (and not have to place these bags in the under storage compartment of the bus).**
- The device is only to be used for educational purposes whilst at school.
- Students should not operate their device under a Virtual Private Network (VPN) whilst on the school network.
- Students are to ensure that non-educational material (e.g. music, movies, and games) stored on their device does not limit the capacity of their device to store school related material.
- Individual students are responsible for their own device and should ensure that they take care of it at all times. Devices should not be left unsecured where other students can gain access to them.
- Students must be respectful of other students' property and privacy at all times. They must not share user names or passwords with anyone or interfere with another student's device.
- When using their devices, students must, at all times, abide by the College/DET policies and 'Acceptable Use Agreement'. Any breaches of these policies will incur disciplinary action.
- On days of sporting competition or excursions, students should leave their devices at home.