



MITCHAM GIRLS
HIGH SCHOOL

ICT for Learning Program: SRD
(School Recommended Device)

Rationale

Students use a range of technologies every day to enrich their lives and support their learning. They are used to access information immediately and from any location.

Technology is also changing teaching and learning; use of technology allows students to:

- Work collaboratively, sharing ideas and interacting with their peers, both at home and at school.
- Improve their research skills
- Become independent learners
- Access their curriculum, online, twenty-four hours a day.

Effective use of technology underpins curriculum development. Both the SACE and the Australian Curriculum require students to have highly developed independent learning skills, research skills and the ability to present their work using a range of media.

Personalised Learning, which addresses the needs of each child, is also gaining momentum. Efficient use of ICT, through the school's Learner Management System (Daymap), supports teachers to develop differentiated learning programs which may be accessed readily by students and parents.

The school continues to invest heavily to upgrade the school infrastructure to provide a fast, efficient and reliable service for students. Improvements to infrastructure are carried out on an annual basis to ensure the school keeps up-to-date with the ever-changing nature of technology.

The school, however, does not have the financial resources to replace computers as they become obsolete. Families are, therefore, encouraged to purchase a School Recommended Device (SRD) for students to use at school and at home.

To facilitate this process, you have the opportunity to purchase one of a number of recommended devices through the Mitcham Girls High School website: www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au

Advantages of Purchasing the School Recommended Device (SRD)

1. The SRD is purchased at very competitive educational prices. The Lenovo devices come with a 3 year warranty and the Apple MacBook Air comes with a 1 year warranty.
2. The Lenovo recommended devices are business grade machines.
3. The SRDs have specifically been selected because they have a battery life which lasts a school day.
4. The school has endeavoured to offer the latest devices possible.
5. The SRD may be purchased and paid for immediately. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a payment plan option.
6. For your convenience, the SRD may be purchased easily by using the link on the MGHS website. For security reasons, to access the portal you will require a password which is supplied by the school.
7. Students will have ready access to the school's network, printers and Internet once connection is enabled by the School IT Help Desk.
8. The Lenovo SRDs will come with the Windows 10 installed. Additional applications will need to be installed by the student, such as MS Office 365. Some additional applications will be installed once connected to the school network, such as VLC Media Player, Internet Browsers (Chrome). The software provided is covered by the Licensing Agreements the school has with the Department for Education and instructions will be given at the start of the school year to get these applications without charge.
9. The Mac SRDs will come with MacOS installed. Additional applications will need to be installed by the student, such as MS Office 365, VLC Media Player, Internet Browsers (Chrome). The software provided is covered by the Licensing Agreements the school has with the Department for Education and instructions will be given at the start of the school year to get these applications without charge.
10. Software Licensing Agreements include software updates.
11. It is more efficient for students to use the SRD at school and at home.
12. Students will have 24/7 access to our Learner Management System, Daymap. This means that students and parents will have access to our curriculum, assessment plans and assessment tasks.
13. Increased personalised learning to address the needs of individual students.
14. Minor faults to all SRDs will be managed by the school's IT technician.
15. Lenovo is responsible for all major faults with the recommended devices. The school will manage this process on the student's behalf.
16. Turn-around time for faults is reduced because all repairs are done at school by Lenovo technicians.

17. Apple is responsible for all major faults with the Apple MacBooks. The school's IT technician will be able to support minor issues and provide limited hardware support. **Should the device be assessed as having a major hardware fault, the device will need to be taken to an approved Apple Support Technician by the parent.**

Responsible Use of Technologies

The MGHS ICT for Learning Program is intended to be a partnership between the school, the family and the student. All parties expect students to use technology responsibly and in keeping with our Vision, Principles and Goals.

The school expects students to use all ICT devices in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct, for example they must ensure that they do not access inappropriate material or use the computer to harass or bully others.

At the beginning of the school year, parents and students will be required to sign the Code of Conduct and a User Agreement indicating their acceptance of the terms and conditions set by the school.

The agreement covers a range of areas including:

1. Acceptable use
2. Cyber safety
3. Family responsibility
4. Non-school applications and files
5. Printing

Recharging at School

Students are expected to charge their battery at home and the SRDs are intended to last the school day with normal usage. Students will however be permitted to recharge their device at school at one of the approved charging locations. Their charger will be required to be tested for safety every 12 months at the school's IT Help Desk.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will the SRD be configured by the company ready for use by our daughter?
Yes; the company who provides the SRD will deliver the SRD to your chosen address ready to use, and you are encouraged to turn it on when received and go through the initial set-up. You will need to take it to the school's IT department to connect it to the network prior to the start of the school year. Dates will be advised.
2. When do I need to order my laptop?
If you would like to receive your device in time for Christmas orders need to be placed by Wednesday 30 September. Or to guarantee delivery before the start of the school year orders need to be placed by the end of October. Orders outside of these dates cannot be guaranteed in the time frames.
3. Will there be an option to pay upfront or over a period of time?
Families may pay upfront via credit card. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a payment plan option.
4. How long will the students be able to use the same SRD?
It is anticipated that the SRD will be appropriate for school use for a minimum of three years.
5. Will our daughter will be able to access the Internet through the SRD?
Yes; the SRD allows students to access the Internet, printers and the school's network.
6. Will our daughter be able to access personal email accounts?
Students are provided with a school email account which they can access from school and from home. Private email accounts may be blocked by the Department for Education whilst on the school premises.
7. Will our daughter will be able to access the Internet wirelessly outside the school?
Yes; students will be able to search for other wireless networks and connect to them if access is allowed. This includes home Internet connections.

8. As the SRD belongs to the family, can it be used by us/our daughter to download other software, music, movies, etc.?
Yes; the SRD belongs to you and not the school. However, these downloads may be lost if the SRD requires re-imaging to fix any errors. You must ensure that any downloads do not infringe copyright. Good backup practices are also recommended.
9. Will our daughter be able to print while at school?
Yes; students with an SRD will have access to the network and its printers. Students may also print from any school owned device.
10. How will you know which SRD belongs to which student if they all look the same?
The company supplying the SRDs will provide the school with the names and serial numbers of the SRD for identification purposes. The computer belongs to you: you may want to engrave it or the students may want to personalise it in their own way (stickers, etc.).
11. What happens if my daughter's SRD needs repairing?
The Lenovo SRDs have a 3 year warranty. MGHS ICT Help Desk will be able to assess the SRD. Minor faults will be managed by the school's IT technician. Lenovo is responsible for all major faults. The school will manage this process. We anticipate that all repairs will be done within three days.
- The Apple MacBook Air has a 1 year warranty. Minor faults will be managed by the school's IT technician. For major hardware faults the device will need to be taken to an approved Apple Support Technician by the parent; the school is unable to service hardware faults for the MacBook Air.
12. What does my daughter use while her SRD is being repaired?
Students will have access to the current school's computers whenever the school technician deems necessary. Hot swaps are available so your daughter will not be without a device to use in class.
13. What happens if the SRD is damaged as a result of an accident, drop or loss?
You own the computer and not the school. The warranty does not cover accidental damage or loss. We strongly recommend that parents insure the SRD, either through an existing policy that will cover the SRD at home and school, or by taking out insurance at the time of purchase via the Accidental Damage.
14. How much do the SRDs weigh?
The SRDs weigh less than 2 kilograms.
15. What happens if the SRD is turned on for the first time at home?
The device will power on with a local account that the student can utilise until the device is brought to school. This will provide the student an opportunity to become familiar with the device before the year starts. Once the device is brought to school, it needs to be taken to the IT Department to join it to the school's network for access to printing, local network and Internet.
16. We have recently purchased a computer for our daughter. Is she allowed to use it at school?
Yes; students may bring their own device but these will not be supported for repairs and maintenance.
17. Can my daughter charge her laptop at school?
Students are expected to charge their laptop at home and the SRDs are expected to last the school day with normal use. However students that do require recharging during the school day will be able to do so at one of the school's approved charging locations. Their device will need to be tested for safety and be displaying a current safety tag. Devices will need to be tested every 12 months and there is a small administration charge applicable.
18. We may not be able to purchase a computer yet. Will my daughter have access to one of the school's computers?
Whilst the school requires all students to bring a laptop to school we realise that purchasing a recommended device may not be possible for all families. Via the SRD Portal there is the option to purchase a Budget device but the support options will be different and the school does not make the same recommendations for the Budget offering. If parents are still unable to provide a laptop, students may have access to some older devices we have at school at present. As these become obsolete we will not be in a position to repair or replace them and their availability is limited. Please discuss your circumstances with the school's Business Manager.