



Bracken Ridge
State High School

Strive to Accomplish

BYOx Program &
Student Laptop Resource Scheme
Year 10 – 2027



Program Information

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Expression of Interest form emailed to laptops@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au or hardcopy returned

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All Year 10 students at Bracken Ridge SHS are required to have a laptop to participate in school programs. In 2027, families with students in year 10 can choose from two options:

- BYOx laptop
- School purchased laptop (leased)

Option A: BYOx (for year 10 and 11 students only)

Parent Information – BYOx Program (Bring Your Own Device)

At Bracken Ridge State High School, families have the option to participate in our **BYOx Program**, which allows students to bring their own laptop for learning at school.

What Parents Need to Know

Families are responsible for providing a laptop that meets the school’s **minimum specifications**. These specifications ensure your child can successfully access all learning platforms and software used in class. Families will also need to manage any non-school provided software installations, repairs, and maintenance for your child’s device. The school is not liable for any damage or theft of the device.

On Boarding BYOx Fee – \$30

To connect student devices to the school’s digital learning systems, a fee **of \$30** is required. This fee supports:

- Secure access to the school network
- School internet with content filtering
- Secure access to on-campus printing services
- Paid prior to the device being on-boarded

Benefits of Participating in BYOx

Students and families who join the BYOx Program gain access to a number of valuable benefits:

- Student choice in laptop product
- Onboarding to the school network, including installation and support for essential software such as:
 - Microsoft Office Suite
 - QLearn
 - Teams
 - Compass
 - ClickView
 - OneDrive and H: Drive
- Internet filtering provided while at school
- Access to a limited number of loan devices (to be negotiated with the school), supplied if the student’s laptop requires repair
- Flexibility for families to choose the make, model, and price point of a device that suits their needs and budget
- Choice to on-board a current year 9 device providing it meets the school specifications. Note: All warranty and ADP end with the year 9 laptop scheme 3-year agreement.

We strongly recommend purchasing a **protective laptop case** and considering **warranty or insurance coverage** to help protect the device from accidental damage.

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Minimum Device Specifications

Please note that all devices must meet the school’s **minimum technical requirements** to be connected to the network. Unfortunately, devices that don’t meet these specifications **will not be onboarded** to the school network.

Minimum specs are provided below.

If you have any questions or need support with selecting a suitable device, please contact our school’s administration team.

Minimum requirements are:

<p>2027 Minimum device specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 11 Version 22H2 or newer - (NOTE: ONLY Windows 11 onwards is supported in the BYOx program) • CPU Processor Minimum Intel i3 • Memory 8GB (onboard) • Hard Drive 256GB SSD • Bluetooth v5.2 and later • Laptop Screen minimum screen size 12 inches • Camera / webcam • Keyboard Full-sized serviceable Keyboard • Mouse Multi gesture touchpad • Battery Up to 10 hours battery life • Audio speakers, built in microphone • Protective Case • Ports 1x Type-C USB4, 2x USB3.2, 1x RJ-45, audio jack, 1x HDMI 2.0 	<p>2027 Recommended device specifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 11 Version 22H2 or newer - (NOTE: ONLY Windows 11 onwards is supported in the BYOx program) • CPU Processor Intel i5 - Recommend Intel i5 • Memory 16GB (onboard) • Hard Drive 512GB SSD • Bluetooth v5.2 and later • Laptop Screen size 14 inches • Camera / webcam • Keyboard Full-sized serviceable Keyboard • Mouse Multi gesture touchpad • Battery Up to 10 hours battery life • Audio speakers, built in microphone • Protective Case • Ports 1x Type-C USB4, 2x USB3.2, 1x RJ-45, audio jack, 1x HDMI 2.0 • Accidental Damage Protection To get coverage under some circumstances, we recommend. 3 years ADP
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BYOx Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Supporting informed decisions for your child’s learning device

1. What screen size is recommended for BYOx laptops?

We recommend a minimum screen size of 12 inches. Smaller screens are not practical for classroom tasks such as typing assignments, using spreadsheets, or engaging with learning platforms. Larger screens are acceptable but should still be portable.

2. How important is portability?

Very important. Your child will carry their device to and from school and between classes each day. Choose a device that is lightweight and compact without compromising screen size and functionality.

3. What battery life should we expect?

Battery life is influenced by processor type, screen brightness, and overall usage. Ideally, the laptop should last a full school day on a single charge. Encourage students to:

- Use battery saver mode
- Lower screen brightness

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- Avoid unnecessary use outside of class
Note: Most laptop batteries have a lifespan of 3–5 years.

4. How do students connect to the internet at school?

Students connect to the Bracken Ridge SHS Wi-Fi network, which includes filtered internet access and access to learning platforms. At home, students use your personal Wi-Fi.

5. What storage capacity should the laptop have?

Most modern laptops come with sufficient storage, but we recommend discussing storage with your supplier. Aim for at least 256GB of SSD storage to support school-related files and software over several years.

6. Should we insure the laptop?

Yes. We strongly recommend you review your Home and Contents Insurance policy and consider additional device-specific insurance to protect against theft and accidental damage (e.g. drops, liquid spills, or loss).

7. Is a padded laptop case necessary?

Yes. A padded carry case, separate from the standard school bag, helps protect the device from:

- Drops
- Moisture
- Dust

This will extend the overall lifespan of the device.

8. What antivirus protection is needed?

Windows 11 includes Windows Defender, which is sufficient for most school use. Additional antivirus is optional but should not use VPNs, as these interfere with school internet filtering and may block network access at BRSHS.

9. How much should we spend on a BYOx laptop?

Consider both price and durability. A well-cared-for higher-quality device may last longer and provide better long-term value. Cheaper devices may cost less upfront but may need replacement sooner.

10. Should we purchase an extended warranty?

Yes, if available. Many retailers offer extended warranties (up to three years) to cover hardware faults or failures. This is especially valuable during the student’s senior years when consistent device access is critical.

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Option B – School-Purchased (Leased) Laptop:

Student Laptop Resource Scheme – Bracken Ridge State High School

Bracken Ridge State High School offers families the option to participate in the Student Laptop Program (School-Purchased Device – Leased). This program provides students with a school-managed laptop that meets all curriculum and digital learning platform requirements.

Device Provision and Ownership

Under the scheme, the school supplies and manages the device, including all software, technical support, and warranty services. Once a family has finalised payment of the device and ceases enrolment, the device will be reimaged and returned to the student/family.

Warranty and Repair Information

Devices are issued to students for a three-year period, concluding at the end of Year 12 in 2029. These devices are covered under warranty for the duration of this period. If a student leaves the school before the end of the program, families may retain the device provided that the device has been fully paid for. The school is not liable for any damage or theft of the device.

At the end of Year 12, once all accounts are finalised:

- The laptop will be reset to factory settings.
- Software licensing will be issued in the student's name.

An **Accidental Damage Protection (ADP)** policy is included. Please note the excess charges for warranty repairs:

- \$50 for the first repair
- \$100 for the second repair
- Full cost of repair for the third and subsequent incidents

Scheme Benefits

Families participating in the Laptop Resource Scheme gain access to the following benefits:

- Pre-installed and maintained curriculum software (Microsoft Office, QLearn, Teams, Compass, ClickView, OneDrive)
- Secure access to the school network and antivirus software
- School internet with content filtering
- Secure access to on-campus printing services
- Full technical support via the school's **Tech Desk (8:00am – 4:00pm)**
- Access to loan devices during repair periods
- Warranty claim management
- ADP claim management
- Laptop case

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Making an Informed Choice

This scheme is designed to ensure students have reliable access to digital learning tools while relieving families of technical and software management responsibilities.

Further information, including the **ICT Acceptable Use Agreement**, is available on our website: Student Laptop Resource Scheme and ICT Policy. Alternatively, printed copies are available from the School Administration during office hours.

Each year, the school partners with suppliers to secure bulk pricing and confirm the device for the following year. Once finalised, families will receive detailed device specifications and price.

- Estimated cost \$1220. (Includes warranties, software and case)

Switching from BYOx to School Purchased Laptop Scheme.

If a student wishes to switch from a BYOx device to the school laptop program, please be aware that this will depend on the availability of devices at the time and full laptop payment will be required.

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Example product of Option B – School-Purchased (Leased) Laptop:

Acer Travel Mate 14 inch Touch screen (P214-55T-G2-Core 3) 16GB ram, hardcase bag and 3yr Accidental Damage Protection – Estimated cost \$1220



2027 Device specifications:

CPU Processor	Intel Core 3 Processor
CPU family	Intel Raptor Lake – U
Memory	16GB DDR5
Hard Drive	256GB PCIe NVMe SSD
Bluetooth	Bluetooth v5.3 and above
IO Ports	2 x Type – C USB 4.0 (TBT4), 2 x USB 3.2 Gen1, 1 x RJ-45, audio jack, 1 x HDMI 2.1
Laptop screen	14” WUXGA 1920 x 1200 resolution
Camera	HD Camera with 1280 x 1024 resolution, 720p HD video
Keyboard	Full size backlit keyboard
Mouse	Multi gesture touchpad
Battery	65 Wh 3-cell Li-ion battery Up to 17 hours

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Expression of Interest

Please return this form as an Expression of Interest to assist us in estimating purchasing numbers. Please detach this form and return to Bracken Ridge SHS main office or email to laptops@brackenridgeshs.eq.edu.au by **17 July 2026** as an **Expression of Interest** for ordering purposes. Payment info and dates below.

Student Name: _____

Please tick which option you would like to participate in for your child:

Option A – BYOx (Bring Your Own Device)

Under this option, families are responsible for supplying a compatible laptop, as well as managing all software, repairs, and maintenance.

Total cost for families:

- \$30 once off fee per device

Option B – School-Purchased (Leased) Laptop Program

Under this option, the school purchases the laptop and manages all software, warranty repairs, and technical support. (Payment terms overleaf)

Package includes:

- Laptop
- Protective case
- Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) package

Estimated total cost for families:

- \$1,220 total

(exact cost to be confirmed when order is placed at the end of 2026, securing EOI and deposit in 2026 will allow us to secure existing pricing – which is only expected to increase as we experience worldwide increases in freight and product costs)

Repair excess fees apply:

- \$50 for the first repair
- \$100 for the second repair
- Full cost of repair for any subsequent incidents

Payments: As part of the device program, families agree to the following payment schedule:

1. Full payment of the device finalised before being issued to student (in 2027)
2. A **non-refundable deposit of \$380** is due by **Friday, 16 October, 2026**
3. The **outstanding balance** must be paid in full by **Friday, 29 January 2027** prior to the student collecting the device or as arranged with the business manager. **(Approximate outstanding balance estimated to be \$840)**
4. Families will be invoiced for the amounts.

Please note: Laptop payments should preferably be made via BPoint using the provided Reference or Invoice Number. Alternatively, payments can be made directly to the Finance Office staff (in person only) or via Q Parents.

Parent/Caregiver Details (Please print):

Name			
Email			
Phone	Mobile	Other	
Signature		Date	

Further information is available in the Student Laptop Resource Scheme and ICT Acceptable Use Agreement, accessible on the school website.

In instances of financial hardship – Contact the Business Manager to discuss options