



An IB World School



## Bring Your Own MacBook (Specifications)

Dear Parents of Grade 5 to 12 students,

Grades 5 and up have a 'bring your own MacBook' policy at HJIS. We recognize the need for students to use mobile devices to support teaching and learning; and for students to utilize their own technology in a more seamless way in the classroom. The use of technology to support learning in education is an area we at HJIS believe enhances and supports learning, thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration across learning experiences.

Our Grade 5 to 12 students are expected to bring their Macbooks to school everyday.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the 'bring your own MacBook' policy, please email our IT Team: [itsupport@horizon.ac.jp](mailto:itsupport@horizon.ac.jp)

As we encourage our students to use their MacBooks extensively as collaboration tools, we have minimum recommendations for your child's device. An excessively slow device may hinder the student's ability to work in a timely manner and take part in more advanced parts of certain projects. These devices will be used throughout secondary school and secondary teachers have raised concerns that some of the MacBooks older than 4 years have had numerous issues running required programs. The below recommendations will ensure the MacBook purchased could be used beyond Grade 5.

Grade 5 Families: Please review the PYP [Digital Citizenship MacBook Policy](#) with your child.

<b>MacBook - Specifications</b>	
<i>MacBook models not meeting these requirements may not be supported by teachers. They may not be able to run required programs. All examples, instructions, and assignments will be given with the assumption students have these models.</i>	
Recommended specifications for optimal performance	<u><a href="#">Macbook Pro - 2024 to current models</a></u> Screen 14 inch or larger Apple <b>M3</b> Chip Memory 8 GB (16 recommended) Storage 256 GB
	<u><a href="#">Macbook Air - 2024 to current models</a></u> Screen 13.6 inch or larger Apple <b>M3</b> Chip Memory 8 GB (16 recommended) Storage 256 GB

**In addition to the device, we request parents to make sure that students bring with them over-ear headphones which they will be required to use as well.**

**Please note:** Apple offers educational discounts on a variety of Apple products, including iPads and MacBooks. However, all questions regarding the discounts need to be addressed to Apple, Inc. directly. and HJIS is not responsible and or liable for the accuracy of the information. Please refer to [this link](#) for more information.

**HJIS IT Dept.**

**If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact directly to [itsupport@horizon.ac.jp](mailto:itsupport@horizon.ac.jp)**