# **DE Student Technology Requirements**

# **Christian Education Ministries' BYOD Model- Apple**

At CEM and Australian Christian College, we have implemented a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) model at our schools. This means that it is the responsibility of families to provide the device that students will use for school, for both our Distance Education and our On-campus students.

To streamline the user experience and our ability to support students most effectively, we have chosen to incorporate **only Apple** devices at our schools..

# **PRIMARY DEVICE** (Required)

All students are required to provide an Apple Macbook that is no older than a 2021 Model.

For DE students there are some alternative Apple products that may suit certain family needs, however we still recommend a Macbook for their flexibility and versatility.

# **Recommended Apple devices:**

- MacBook Air
- Macbook Pro

#### **Alternative Apple Devices for DE Students:**

iMac, Mac mini\*,Mac Studio\* and Mac Pro\*
\*requires external monitor and peripherals

### **Minimum specifications:**

Age	2021 or newer
Chip	M1 Processor or higher
Storage	256GB Storage or higher
Memory	8GB RAM or higher
Operating System (MacOS)	- All Apple devices should have the latest Mac OS (Device software) installed - As of October 2025 that is <b>MacOS Tahoe</b> - Update via the software update process.

#### **Further Considerations**

- Students completing ACER or NAPLAN testing, **headphones** are required in addition to the device.
- It is advised that a suitable **case** or cover should also be purchased to protect the device.
- If purchasing a MacBook Air 2021 or onwards with only USB-C type ports, it's recommended a USB-C to **USB adapter** be purchased to ensure compatibility with USB devices (*USB storage, USB cables, mouse and keyboard etc*) if required.
- Access to a **printer** and the ability to **scan documents** (either using a printer/scanner or phone) is essential
- It is also essential to have a **reliable Internet connection**
- Students at home using a laptop are encouraged to consider using more ergonomic peripherals (keyboard, mouse, external screen etc) to support their productivity and wellbeing (not required).

## **SECONDARY DEVICE** (Optional)

## iPads

iPads are not suitable or supported as the Primary Device for a student learning at home. Canvas content may sometimes work on IOS devices (iPhone, iPad), but generally all activities have been designed to be completed using the primary devices mentioned above, not IOS devices.

Additionally our support structures and teams have been set up and trained to assist MacOS products (Macbooks, iMac), not iOS (iPads, iPhone). We therefore encourage you to use the recommended devices, so we can provide adequate and thorough support during your ACC Enrollment.

**iPads** can be a helpful tool **when used as a secondary device** and are a great way to perform tasks such as filming videos, scanning school work, pen enabled digital note taking and more.

All iPads should have the latest IPadOS (Device software) installed available via the software update process.