

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- All students are required to bring a **laptop, charger and laptop bag/case** EVERY DAY. Laptops should be purchased ready to use starting **Thursday of Week 1**. (please see Laptop Requirements on the next page for more detail)
- All students require their **Lesson Survival Kit** (see below) for each class.
- **BE PREPARED AND ORGANISED FOR YOUR LESSONS**
- **Student Diary** issued to students on first day.

The Year 7 student usernames will not be ready Day 1 (please do not bring it on the first day).

There will be a limited number of devices that can be hired through the school BYOD equity scheme. If you are needing to access one of these devices, please get a form from the school office and return ASAP with payment.

### LESSON SURVIVAL KIT

Blue/Black and Red pens (2 of each)
2 x correction tape
2B Pencils
Ruler
Coloured pencils
Glue stick
Sharpener
Scissors
Highlighter pens
1 x 32GB USB Stick (to be labelled physically and digitally)

To be kept in a pencil case of a suitable size to hold all items comfortably.

This list is a minimum expectation throughout the year.

Please refresh this supply during the year as they are used or lost.

- Some subjects (marked with an \*) will incur a levy TBA
- Covers of exercise books must be kept free from graffiti
- ***You can purchase extra print balance from the office and is a requirement for printing at school.***

## **BYOD - LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS**

### **What are the minimum requirements for a computer?**

Machine Type:	Laptop - Windows Preferred (No Mac, Chromebook or iPad)
Screen size:	Between 10" & 16"
Processor:	Intel i3 or higher is preferable. Others are acceptable.
RAM:	8GB recommended (Technical Subjects 16GB or higher)
Hard drive:	256GB or higher (preferably SSD)
Graphics:	Dedicated graphics card is recommended for Technical Subjects
Operating System:	Windows 10 or 11
Wireless:	802.11n / ac or better (5GHz radio band)
Ports:	1 x USB port minimum, audio in/out, in-built microphone, camera
Battery life:	6+ hours (usable time). No cords will be allowed at school

**iPad, Chromebook or Android devices will not be accepted as BYOD devices as they are in some ways incompatible and are not supported on the Pioneer SHS network.**

### **Necessary Software**

- Microsoft Office 365 supplied free of charge (including licencing for up to five devices), accessible from the school website.
- Windows 10 and 11 comes with "Windows Defender" virus and threat protection built in, and meets the requirements for connecting to the school network.

### **Can I buy any laptop for my child?**

Yes, provided it meets the minimum requirements as detailed above. However, we recommend that you **do not** purchase a **MacBook**, as these devices have had issues connecting to our school network printers and drives.

### **Caring for the Device?**

Parents are encouraged to purchase a protective case and students are encouraged to use this case for all transportation of the device during the school day. Please factor in the size of a laptop case when purchasing a school bag.

PSHS takes no responsibility for theft, loss, breakages, vandalism or unauthorized access to BYOD laptops. While every effort will be made to investigate instances of theft or malicious damage of BYOD laptops, parents may still be responsible for acquiring the costs to repair or replace the relevant device. **Onsite Warranty (Next Business Day - NBD) and Accidental Damage Protection Insurance is STRONGLY recommended.**