

Student Laptop Information

Years 7 – 12 students

Scotch College students and staff work in a highly functional and technologically rich collaborative learning environment. Our Learning Management System facilitates access to all curriculum resources along with real time feedback to students and parents, whilst our communication portals ensure everyone in our Scotch community is kept informed. During orientation and rollout, our students are guided through strategies for astute management of their laptops as well as guidelines for safe, ethical and responsible use. Our technology support team along with a fast, robust network infrastructure and procedures, ensure an integrated successful technology experience for all.

Each year, the College negotiates with its supplier, CompNow, to offer the Macbook Air model. Other Apple laptop models can be purchased through a retail shop. Laptops are supplied at the GST inclusive Apple education price. Laptops can be ordered through the CompNow online shop via the Scotch web site.

Laptops are compulsory for all Year 7-12 students. Years 7-9 students are required to have a Macbook, while Years 10-12 students are strongly encouraged to have a Macbook laptop. With its multi-media capabilities, the Apple MacBook is an ideal curriculum tool as there are significant benefits in the classroom and in overall management and support.

OPTION A - The Scotch Portal

Through the Scotch Portal you can order a laptop at education price, a carry bag, and optional AppleCare+ insurance.

AppleCare+ for Mac (which provides up to three years of expert technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple, including unlimited incidents of accidental damage) can be purchased at the time of ordering the laptop or can be purchased separately via the Apple website 7-30 days after receiving your device. Each incident is subject to a service fee of \$149 for screen damage or external enclosure damage, or \$429 for other accidental damage.

We strongly recommend taking out AppleCare+ insurance.

OPTION B - external retail purchase

Parents have the option to purchase from a retailer of their choice.

Please note minimum specifications for storage (256GB) required when purchasing from retailer.

The minimum specifications for any student laptop are as follows:

- Apple macOS (Years 7 to 12) or Windows 10 (Years 10 to 12 only)
- SSD (solid state) internal drive (256GB minimum)
- Protective carry bag is important.
- An English language operating system on the laptop computer is essential.

Owners of Windows laptops, must have a commercial anti-virus product installed.

Backing Up Data

Students must save their school work to their Onedrive folder on the laptop. It is also good practice that the laptop is regularly backed up using Time Machine, which requires an external USB drive.

Delivery of Laptops to Students

Laptops ordered from the Scotch Portal can be picked up directly from CompNow or securely shipped via Australia Post to your nominated address.

Insurance Cover

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the computer is insured. It is recommended that you do this for the full replacement value.

Remember that if you have not taken out insurance for the computer you have purchased, all losses must be borne by you.

Please consult your insurance agent or broker regarding the adequacy of cover of any existing house and contents policies.

Repairs

The College can organise repairs including pickup and drop off to an Apple Authorised Repairer. Quotes for any out of warranty repairs will be sent to parents first for approval. The College has loan laptops available for students while their laptop is being repaired. Students must accept full responsibility for any damage to loan laptops whilst in their care. The school's damage costs are \$149 for screen damage or external enclosure damage, or \$429 for all other damage. All accessories need to be returned at the end of the loan period otherwise charges may be incurred.

Scotch College Laptop Bundles for 2025	Price (inc GST)
MacBook Air 13.6" M4 10-core CPU 8-core GPU, 16GB RAM, 256GB SSD, MagSafe 3 charging port, 2 USB-C ports, 30W USB-C Power Adapter Colours: silver, sky blue, starlight or midnight	\$1,525.00 +bag
MacBook Air 13.6" M4 10-core CPU 10 core GPU, 16GB RAM, 512GB SSD, MagSafe 3 charging port, 2 USB-C ports, 35W Dual USB-C Port Power Adapter Colours: silver, sky blue, starlight or midnight	\$1,819.40 +bag
AppleCare+ for 13.6" Macbook Air M4 – Up to 3 years total (will receive a separate invoice for this to be paid 5 days after purchase)	\$319.00

For full descriptions of the laptop models, visit <http://www.apple.com/au/mac/>

Ordering is online via <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/scotch-college>

Notes:

The prices above are exclusive of a bag, which is under the heading of extra accessories on the CompNow shop. A carry bag is essential for safely carrying the laptop around.

New Australian Government legislation in relation to the sale of add on insurance requires AppleCare+ be purchased separately. AppleCare+ can be purchased 5 days later via CompNow portal or between 7-30 days after receiving the device via the Apple website.

We strongly recommend taking out AppleCare+ insurance which covers accidental damage.

All of the Apple models are highly portable and are capable of performing all of the required curriculum-based tasks at the College.

Other essential software that the College is licensed to use with years 7-12 students ONLY, such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud is installed free of charge.

Payment is made by credit/debit card to CompNow with the laptop order.

Parents can contact the staff at the IT Helpdesk on:

helpdesk@scotch.sa.edu.au