

Craighead on Digital Learning and Device preference

Innovation and collaboration are at the heart of 21st Century learning. Craighead sees the use of portable electronic devices as essential to prepare our students for their entry into the wider world.

An important point not to lose sight of is that *it's the teacher*, not the technology that makes the difference. Thus the best one to one 'device' in the classroom is a great teacher! As a staff, our goal is to increase [digital fluency](#) and embed e-learning competencies across the Craighead curriculum, through investment in staff and student capability.

Information Technology at Craighead is designed to complement learning in each curriculum area during your daughter's time here, involving research, communications, document creation and file storage. Every student is given a network account and password which provides controlled access to network resources. Access to storage space, an e-mail account, plus access and ability to use any of the networked printers/copiers is also provided at the start of the school year.

Whilst the School operates across different platforms dependent on the needs of the occasion, Craighead is primarily a Google School with students and staff using GoogleClassroom as its learning platform and the tools and applications in the Google Suite.

For network security, we use an advanced firewall and content filtering system in order to ensure safe internet browsing and fair sharing of the internet bandwidth for all users. Anti-spam filters ensure that only meaningful and appropriate e-mail reaches students' mailboxes. As a parent it can be hard helping our young people to be responsible digital citizens and [netsafe have some great resources](#) to help navigate the minefield. You can also contact your internet provider with advice on how to access parental controls and limit the times when the wireless is able to be accessed.

What does my daughter need?

Given recent events and in preparation for anywhere, anytime learning and assessment, we feel that a portable device is an essential piece of equipment for our students. We do not believe in specifying a particular brand of device.

Years 7&8:

- You may already own a device from a previous school and considering that most portable devices have a lifespan of 4-5 years, this may be suitable.

Year 9:

- We recommend that students have a laptop that runs either [Windows 10](#) or [MacOS](#).

Year 11:

- Students may need to revisit their device needs depending on their subject choices.

We respect that families have different needs, knowledge and experience in this area and so we have engaged Harvey Norman as a local advisor for Craighead families to go to if they need some advice to best suit your needs, with competitive pricing.