



C4S

Computers for Students Program

Victoria University Secondary College believes in providing students with the resources necessary for them to accomplish their goals, to “Aspire to Achieve”, and to “Strengthen the Community” through education. One of the ways we do this is by running the C4S (Computers for Students) program. This program uses technology and current ICT resources to implement a 1:1 eLearning program. This program requires that each student have direct access to their own computer that they take with them to all classes and then home to complete their work and to further their studies.

As well as the many ICT initiatives run by VUSC, we also work closely within the recommendations of the Department of Education and Training and their eduSTAR program. The eduSTAR program supplies ICT services to ALL staff and students in Victorian government schools. This includes access to a variety of cloud and desktop suites such as:

- Microsoft Office 365 Cloud and Desktop Suites
- Adobe Create Cloud and Desktop Suites
- Google G-suite
- Wi-Fi access with the Department’s internet service and security systems and reporting.
- A wide variety of educational software packages through the eduSTAR Software Catalogue

To access these services, students will need a supported device from one of the categories below

1. VUSC prescribed new computer, purchased through our designated supplier.

- Learning with Technologies (**LWT**) is our preferred supplier and we are constantly evaluating devices to offer parents and guardians the best value for money at various price points.
- VUSC offers and supports both Windows and Mac devices through the portal.
- All devices come with a Department of Education recommended and supported operating system.
- Computers are linked to our network and automatically receive software and anti-virus updates when they become available.

- All software and hardware issues can be brought directly to the IT office of the respective campus as a first point of call. School IT staff will assess the situation and either attempt to rectify it or assist the student to log a service request with **LWT**.
- VUSC will often keep stock of some parts and components to expedite repairs where possible.
- All devices purchased through **LWT** are either education specific models or are subject to special education pricing, not available through retail outlets.
- All devices purchased through **LWT** come with an optional extended 3 Year Onsite Warranty and an optional 3 Year Insurance plan, both of which are highly recommended.
- Purchased devices will be sent to the school for processing and handed to the students, unless parents contact the school before delivery to make alternate arrangements.
- **LWT** offer secure online payment via PayPal, Credit Card and BPay. LWT will also accept a \$100 deposit on orders to secure a device, and will allow parents to pay in instalments. The device will be automatically dispatched from their warehouse once the full amount has been paid.
- **LWT** also offer finance options from Latitude Finance and Zip. Check the site for more information.

2. Non-prescribed BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Computer.

- Students will be permitted to bring their own computer not obtained through the school's supplier, but support will be limited.
- VUSC will facilitate and support access to all eduSTAR programs as listed above.
- VUSC will offer basic technical support where possible, but will not take responsibility for the repair or upkeep of BYOD devices
- The parents or guardians will need to obtain and maintain:
 - An up-to-date, supported operating system
 - Subject specific or other software not from the eduSTAR Catalogue
 - Hardware warranty and/or insurance
 - Technical support for software
- Minimum specifications: Intel Pentium or AMD Processor, 4GB Ram, 64GB Hard drive.
- Recommended specifications: Intel i5\i7 or AMD Ryzen Processor, 8GB+ Ram, 120GB+ Hard Drive.

3. Chromebooks, iPads and other Tablets or devices.

- Please note that tablets without a physical keyboard and Chromebooks are **NOT ACCEPTED**.
- iPads with physical keyboards can be used in limited situations but are **NOT RECOMMENDED**.
- These devices do not integrate with our systems and offer very limited support for content creation. They also can not run most of the desktop applications needed for various subjects.

To browse, purchase, or seek more information, please go to:

<https://vusc.orderportal.com.au>