

PARENT OWNED LAPTOP PROGRAM

WHY A THE LAPTOP PROGRAM?

This Program provides every student with their own notebook to enable a student-centred, experience – rich learning environment.

THE BENEFITS

- Increased access to information and improved research and analytical skills;
- Students directing their own learning and more readily engaging in problem-solving, critical thinking and practicing skills at their point of need;
- More time spent in engaging in collaborative work, while participating in project-based instruction;
- Improvement in learning outcomes can be enhanced with the use of computers; especially in Science. (OECD: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; IT use and science performance;
- To strengthen the connection between home & school, by encouraging differentiated homework and long term tasks;
- Increased student participation, engagement & achievement while enabling students to connect with experts and other learners anywhere in the world;
- Strengthen communication between the teacher, parent and student while giving students the opportunity to develop academically outside the classroom.

Southern River College has a vision to become a leading digital school; developing enriched learning experiences and employment opportunities to advantage our students in the 21st century.

Our Parent Owned Laptop Program aims to put digital toolkits at the fingertips of students and staff that promote these advantages. The College will support this vision by ensuring that all school teaching resources, administrative and communication systems are aligned.



WHY BECOME A DIGITAL SCHOOL?

1. Student Futures

- Schools need to become learning communities that enable students to be active participants in a knowledge based society and globalisation
- 70% of jobs of the future demand enterprise skills: digital literacy, critical and creative thinking' problem solving, teamwork and presentation skills. (Source: *The New Basics, Foundation for Young Australians*)

2. Culture of Learning

- Developing a 21st Century mindset using strategies that integrate technology across the community.

3. Improve Student Engagement

- Individually connecting with students with diverse learning styles at a level they can understand and engage with.
- Teachers need to use a variety of 21st Century tools and methods to ensure they challenge students to become excited about their learning.

4. Connection and Collaboration

- Developing a seamless learning environment between school, home and the wider community; we live in a networked and connected world.
- Understanding and developing skills to investigate, communicate, create and share in a digital learning environment.

5. Redefining the College

- High quality teaching and learning experiences are the key drivers to developing an exciting learning culture, not the technology.
- Good technology will amplify good teaching.

THE FOCUS IS ON LEARNING, NOT THE TECHNOLOGY

HOW DOES THE PARENT OWNED LAPTOP PROGRAM WORK?

For your child to gain maximum benefit from the Program we encourage you to purchase one of the recommended devices for your child's use at school next year.

Devices: See device brochure 2018

Acer Travelmate Spin
13" MacBook Air (Music – Garage Band)

A three-year warranty is included in the package. We strongly recommend at least a 128GB hard drive as a back-up for students' work, accidental damage protection and a protective cover.

HOW DO PARENTS ORDER?

1. Go to the college's website:
<http://southernrivercollege.wa.edu.au>
2. Click on BYOD button which will link to the Stott Hoare portal or access here at:
<https://stotthoare.com.au/src> Password: src
3. Stott Hoare will be happy to answer questions around the devices and discuss your options during standard business hours. Email contact:
src@stotthoare.com.au
4. Parents will be notified by email of expected delivery date with the laptop delivered to Southern River College.
5. The Stott Hoare portal will be open at specific times in each term to facilitate orders. This will be communicated through the college's networks. During term parents can register their interest to order through the email contact on Stott Hoare's portal.

HOW DO PARENTS SET-UP THE DEVICE?

The college will install an image on the laptop, which allows students to access the school's internet and interact with the school's domain.



HOW DO PARENTS GET SUPPORT?

Students and parents requiring assistance can access support in the following ways:

1. Help desk; LA 40A, during lunch 1 & 2 for students needing help with the use of their laptop.
2. Technicians office; before and after school for technical issues and damage referred by students and parents.
3. Complex / Warranty issues will be referred to Stott Hoare for servicing. Parents will be kept informed on progress.

Alternatively, parents may wish to purchase a Laptop from another source; unfortunately we cannot guarantee that these devices will connect or work as effectively with the school's network and will not have the service support program that is available through Stott Hoare.



All Schools Are Now Digital Schools -We Need To Be A Leading Digital School