MacBooks for students in 2016

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ORDERING

Note: Price rise after 31st October

If you are interested in purchasing a MacBook for your child in 2016 the Winthrop Portal is now open.

There have recently been some changes in the Apple pricing system. Winthrop Australia (our supplier) has notified us that there will be a price rise after 31st October.

- For 2016 the recommended bundle is:
  - Mac Air 11” for 128GB SSD
  - Applecare - 3 year warranty (worth $279)
  - Cost of bundle $1319

Orders can be placed through the Winthrop Portal: https://portal.winaust.com.au/forms/view/473
More details of bundles available, optional accessories and finance options are available through this portal.

Optional Accessories
Parents may purchase optional items through Winthrop, online or any retail store.
Of the optional accessories a carry case is considered essential.

Additional
A portable hard drive is also required for backing up. This is an essential item.
It can be purchased from retail stores such as Officeworks, Dick Smith or Harvey Norman.
A 500GB or a 1T is fine. Prices can range from $70 - $100. It does not have to be Mac compatible, as the mac will reformat it when preparing it for the initial backup.

Insurance
Protecsure has insurance that is specifically for laptops that are taken outside the home.
This may be required if your Home and Contents Insurance does not cover the MacBook outside of the home. Parents are advised to check their policies. School insurance does not cover student laptops.
Protecsure Insurance is available through the Winthrop Portal.

The process after ordering:
- machines are delivered to the school in approximately 10 working days
- machines purchased through finance may take longer
- our technicians will image the machine with some extra free software and the necessary system settings to access the school network
- if the machine is for a special occasion and you would rather it was not given directly to your child please notify the office on ashdale.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- the portal that is used for ordering usually closes over the Xmas/New Year period

There will be more information about the 1:1 MacBook Program in newsletters and information can also be found on our website. www.ashdaleps.wa.edu.au
Thank you very much for your support with this exciting program.

Sincerely,

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