



NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

2017/2018 Student-Owned Laptops – Information Handout

Continuing in 2018, Nathalia Secondary College is recommending that students from Years 7 – 12 have access to their own laptop. Year 7 and 8 students may still bring their iPads but we are finding they need to use laptops the vast majority of the time.

For the 2017 and 2018 school years, any students wishing to have a Student-Owned Laptop can do so by purchasing a selected laptop provided through our nominated provider, Learning With Technologies (LWT). This company has put together a web portal purchasing site <http://nathaliasc.orderportal.com.au> where you can choose to purchase from a range of school approved laptops. These laptops will be imaged with the standard Department of Education & Training eduSTAR software package, allowing students to use school licensed software on these laptops, at school and at home, while enrolled at Nathalia Secondary College. This provides access to valuable software such as the full Microsoft Office suite, Adobe Photoshop and an antivirus package.

Please note:

Only the student-owned laptops purchased through LWT will be connected to Nathalia Secondary College's network. Machines purchased elsewhere will not be connected. This is for network security reasons.

For those who choose not to take up this offer, laptops can be borrowed for use in classes throughout the school day, however these laptops are to remain at school and can't be taken home.

Options and Recommendations

Laptops have an expected 3-4 year life cycle. After this the laptop will still run (provided it is in good condition) but its functionality compared to the current models may be considerably reduced. Purchasing a laptop with higher specifications now will help minimise any performance loss as the laptop reaches, or exceeds, its expected life cycle. Software is continually getting more sophisticated so requiring more powerful machines to run.

All of our laptop choices have solid state hard drives (SSDs) because they are much faster and more durable than a standard hard disk drive.

Below are the current options on the portal (up to date as at September 2017). The portal options may change without notice as new models become available and prices vary.

Model	Recommendation
TravelMate B117	Intel Celeron Processor, 4GB RAM, 256GB SSD, 11.6" Screen. The smallest screen and slowest option.
TravelMate P238	Core i3 processor, 4GB RAM, 128GB SSD, 13.3" Screen. A good compromise between power and screen size.
TravelMate P449	Core i5 processor, 4GB RAM, 128GB SSD, 14" Screen. The fastest, most powerful and most future-proof choice.

How It Works

Visit the site, <http://nathaliasc.orderportal.com.au> to view the selected models, finance and optional insurance options. If you wish to purchase: select from the options available, read and confirm your agreement to our Terms & Conditions (see attached) and purchase a laptop using one of LWT's available payment methods.



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Delivery

All laptops will be delivered to the College for imaging (i.e. installation of all of the software); they are not delivered to students' homes. Once imaged, laptops will be handed over to the student. If a laptop is purchased and parents don't wish for the students to know about it (e.g. it might be a Christmas present) please contact the school and let us know as soon as you order. Laptops won't be available for collection during school holidays. Please keep this in mind at the time of purchase.

Queries

LWT have provided links at the bottom of the purchase portal page that should answer most questions related to the purchase of the machine. The portal is also available via the Nathalia Secondary College website. (www.nathaliasc.vic.edu.au)

If you require any further information please contact the school.

Please see below for our Terms and Conditions



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Software Image

Through this purchase method, your machine will come preinstalled with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) standard eduSTAR image. This image has many different pieces of software available for your child to use while they are a student at Nathalia Secondary College. As this image is maintained by Nathalia Secondary College, the machine will need to be connected to the College network prior to being able to be used at home. A regular connection with the school network is also necessary to ensure the user can use all the software within the image.

Upon finishing Year 12 or exiting Nathalia Secondary College

In purchasing a laptop through LWT, the laptop itself is fully owned by the purchaser, however, the software is licenced to DET. For this reason, if the purchaser finishes Year 12 or decides to exit the school, their machine will need to be re-imaged back to its original operating system, thus removing the DET image and software package. As the DET image requires regular connection with the school network, it is very important to have your machine re-imaged prior to leaving the school. This ensures you will be able to use your machine once you no longer have a connection with the College.

Obligation to Bring Laptops to School

While this laptop is purchased and owned by you, in purchasing the laptop through our recommended supplier, the school was able to supply these laptops with the DET software and will supply in-school support. With this comes the expectation that the student will use this laptop while at school and therefore will not be given priority access to the laptops belonging to the school. However, if your student's laptop has been given to the school's ICT staff to arrange for repair, a spare laptop will be made available to them for classes through the school day.

Students are expected to bring their laptop with them to school each day, fully charged.

Loss or Damage

All devices and batteries are covered by a limited manufacturer's warranty. The warranty covers manufacturer's defects and normal use of the device. It does not cover negligence, abuse or malicious damage. The school is happy to liaise with LWT in the event of a warranty or repair issue. Please contact the school, or have your student bring the laptop to our ICT department as soon as possible to arrange repair.

As this machine is owned by you, you are responsible for any damage (accidental or otherwise) that may occur. We recommend insurance on your machine. Your home insurance policy may cover the laptop while out of the home, though you will need to confirm this with your insurer. Alternatively insurance can be purchased with the machine on LWT's purchasing portal.

Storage of the laptop at school

Students who purchase a machine will be offered the use of a 'laptop cubby' situated in the library. While not using the laptop during the school day it is STRONGLY recommended that students utilise this space to store their laptops. Storing laptops in lockers or school bags throughout the day is not recommended. Storage in lockers can result in accidental falls. If you would like a laptop cubby please let the school know.

Care of the laptop

To ensure minimal damage to your laptop we suggest either a laptop case or a laptop padded school bag be used when transporting your laptop to and from school. It is also strongly recommended that laptops be fully shut down while being transported to and from school, as a laptop's hard drive is more likely to be damaged if it is bumped, knocked or dropped when operating.