

Middle Years Laptop Program (Years 7/8/9)

Dear Faith Families,

At Faith, the Middle Years Laptop Program has been developed to ensure our Year 7, 8 and 9 students are equipped with the right technology to succeed in their learning.

For a **one-time fee of \$984.00**, incoming Year 7 & 8 students are provided with a brand-new laptop that is fully managed, supported and maintained by the College. It must be emphasised that the \$984.00 fee is substantially less than the total retail purchase price of the laptop and the associated software licensing & support costs.

The laptop comes loaded with a full suite of software to support the Middle Years curriculum, which includes Windows 10 Education edition, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud Suite plus other subject-specific programs. This device will be used across Years 7, 8 & 9 and at the end of Year 9 families can purchase the laptop for the nominal sum of \$1.00. At this time, the laptop will be reloaded with a 'factory software image' containing Windows 10 and utilities.

In preparation for 2022, incoming Year 7 & 8 students will be provided with a Dell Latitude 3310 Education-series laptop. After thorough investigation, this model was chosen for its best-in-class durability and battery life as well as presenting excellent value for money for families. The Dell Latitude has a 3-Year on-site warranty as well as Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) at no additional cost to families. This allows one free (\$0 excess) repair per calendar year for the duration of the laptop program. All repairs are facilitated by the College ICT team.

The specifications of the laptop are as follows:

| Dell Latitude 3310 Education Laptop | |
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| Processor | Intel Core i5-8265U, up to 3.9Ghz |
| Memory | 8GB RAM |
| Storage | 256GB Solid State Drive |
| Screen | 13.3" HD LCD |
| Connectivity | Intel 9560 AC Wi-Fi + Bluetooth 5.0 |
| Battery Life | 4 Cell Battery, Up to 10 Hours |
| Weight | 1.56KG |
| Ports | HDMI, 1x USB Type-C, 2x USB 3.1, Ethernet, Headphone/Mic Jack |
| Operating System | Windows 10 Education Edition |



Is the Laptop Program compulsory?

Yes. To ensure equity and a 'level playing field' for all students, the program is compulsory. The laptop must be brought to the College each day fully charged and taken to every class, unless instructed otherwise by class teachers. Students are welcome to bring additional mobile devices to the College, as long as their use complies with both the College *ICT Use* policy and mobile phone policies.



However, we ask that students do not bring another device as a “substitute” to the provided Laptop Program unit as we firmly believe that the chosen device will be the best available option to complement student learning.

Is the internet access filtered or controlled on the laptop?

While students are *on-site* at the College, and connected to the Faith Wi-Fi network, their access to the internet is considerably restricted. Categories of websites and types of content that are blocked include the following:

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| • Pornography and Adult content | • Hacking, Piracy and Copyright theft |
| • Gambling | • Social Media |
| • Drugs and Criminal activity | • Video & Computer games |
| • Violence and Self-harm | • Sites known to host viruses & malicious software |

The College is able to offer the same level of filtering on the laptop program devices when the laptop is at home or elsewhere (*off-site*) regardless of whether the laptop is connected the internet over Wi-Fi or tethered via a mobile hotspot or smartphone. **This is an ‘opt in’ service at the discretion of parents.**

We are unfortunately not able to alter specifically what content is blocked on a case-by-case or student by student basis. Occasionally, legitimate safe websites can be inadvertently blocked by the web filter and in these cases students and parents are welcome to email the College ICT team at eHelp@faith.sa.edu.au with a link to the site in question and the team will review the site and unblock as appropriate. Please be aware if parents/caregivers request the off-site filtering be disabled, the laptop will need to be serviced by the College ICT team to have the system removed. If this is requested during a school holiday period, in some circumstances the removal of the software may not be able to be completed until the following term commences.

If families wish to have this option enabled for their student’s laptop, please tick the appropriate box on the included form.

When can we collect the laptop?

The College understands that parents may wish to give their son or daughter the laptop in the form of a Christmas gift. If this is the case, please be sure to select the *Pre-Christmas Collection* option on the accompanying *2022 Order Form*.

If the laptop is not collected prior to Christmas, it will be issued on Orientation Day, February 1st 2022. The Middle Years Laptop Program fee of \$984.00 must be paid in full prior to collection of/the College issuing the laptop. If the Laptop Program fee will bring about financial hardship, parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Finance Manager.

What is the next step?

Please complete and return the attached form to the College Finance Team via email to accounts@faith.sa.edu.au, prior to November 19th 2021.

Further information regarding the Middle Years Laptop Program, including ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ can be found on the College website. The College strongly encourages all families to review the information at the following link:

<https://faith.sa.edu.au/MYLP>

If there are any questions please contact the College ICT Operations Manager, Mr Lachlan Gierke, ideally via email, at eHelp@faith.sa.edu.au.



Faith Lutheran College Middle Years Laptop Program – 2022 Order Form

Student Name: _____ Year Level: Year 7 Year 8

Parent/Caregiver Name(s): _____

By signing below, you agree that:

- The security and use of the laptop is the *student's responsibility*. The student must comply with all directions given by staff in relation to the use of the laptop.
- A label or 'skin' is fixed to the lid of the laptop with the student's details and serial number of the device. This is not to be removed, damaged, or defaced in any way and if the skin requires replacement a \$7.50 fee will be charged to the family fee account.
- The laptop is issued to the student for their *educational use* and will be managed by Faith Lutheran College. If the student ceases enrolment at the College prior to the end of Year 9, arrangements will be made with respect to retaining the laptop.
- Faith Lutheran College will provide *Accidental Damage Protection & insurance cover* against theft, loss or damage at both school and home. However, parents may be liable for the cost of the repairs, or the insurance excess amount of \$500.00 if the Accidental Damage Protection does not apply in the particular circumstance, or if there is an instance of theft which has not occurred on the College grounds.
- All material on the laptop is subject to review by the College's teaching and ICT staff. Any material or software loaded by the student must not breach copyright or moral standards, nor should it have the potential to damage the College network.

Parent/Caregiver Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Do you require web filtering on your student's laptop at home/off-site?

Please refer to the information provided on page 2. If there are any questions, please contact the College.

Yes – Internet access will be restricted when *on* and *off-site*, on any Wi-Fi or 4G/5G hotspot connection

No – Internet access is only restricted when *on-site* at the College and connected to Faith Wi-Fi networks

Please select ONE of the following options:

Option A: Pre-Christmas collection

Orders for Pre-Christmas collection must be in by **Friday November 19th 2021**

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the College is minimising the number of visitors on site. Arrangements for collection of the laptops are still being finalised, but tentative plans allow for 'drive through' payment and collection on **16th/17th/18th December 2021**. Further communication will be made with families who opt for the Pre-Christmas collection option.

Option B: Day 1 2022 distribution

Issued on Orientation Day, Tuesday February 1st 2022

Please return this completed form via email to accounts@faith.sa.edu.au. Whether you choose **Option A or Option B**, the fee for enrolment in program is **\$984.00**, payable in full prior to collection or issue of the device.

Payment Methods

In person, on collection: Cash Credit Card/EFTPOS

Via Telephone: Credit Card

Electronic Funds Transfer:

BSB: 105024 Account Number: 113347140 (Please use student's full name as reference)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date: _____ Ref No: _____ Amount: \$ _____