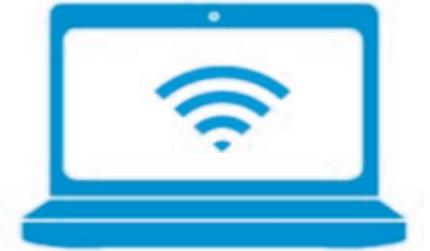


# 7-12 BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP

## From 2015

From 2015 secondary students will be able to bring their own laptops to school and connect to our internet, printing, student portal, and file server.



### Why is this changing?

In previous years the Federal Government provided funding to the school as part of the Digital Education Revolution. With the federal money the school was able to purchase and loan laptops to students in years 9-12. 2014 was the final year of this funding and consequently the school is unable to absorb the \$50k-\$60k necessary each year to provide new laptops to students new to the secondary sub-school or upgrade laptops that have reached their end-of-life. It is critical that the school, Finance Committee and Governing Council consider the short and long term sustainability of ICT usage in our school and balance this with the competing needs of other learning resources and budgets across the school.

Additionally, many student and parent requests have been put forward to allow students to bring their own laptops. Many students prefer their own laptops as they can take them home, are familiar with them and prefer to manage their own software and accessories and manage the upgrade cycle themselves.

### So what does this mean for secondary students in 2016?

#### Years 8 and 9

Either bring your own laptop or use desktops computers located around the school.

Teachers will continue to be able to book classes into the secondary computer room in the library.

#### Students in year 10-12 who have a school owned laptop

Either bring your own laptop or continue to use the laptop that has already been issued. Students may use these laptops until the end-of-life of the device. No further or future laptops will be provided by the school. After such time students can use computers in the secondary computer room or open access room for open access lessons.

## What do I do now?

Many students already have a laptop at home which they may wish to bring to school in 2016. Alternatively families may wish to consider purchasing a device suitable for school / home / study use.

## We recommend

A laptop with a screen size your child is comfortable using. 10" or larger is recommended.

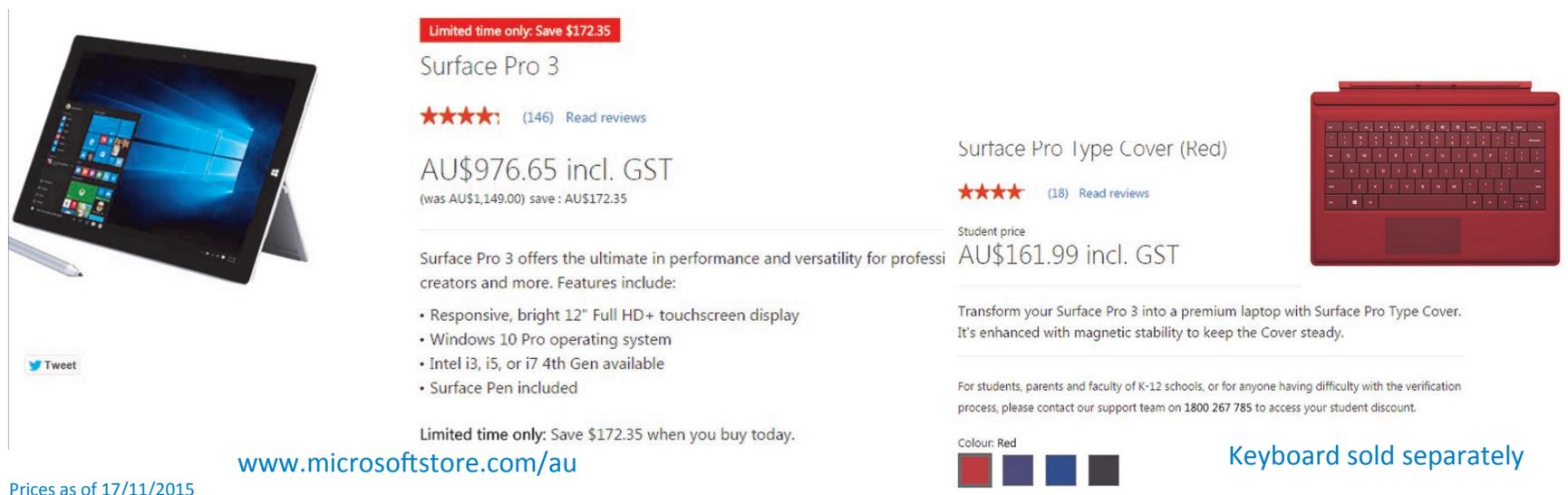
A laptop with a battery life that will last the school day. For occupational health and safety reasons students will not be able to charge their devices during lessons.

A laptop or hybrid device with either a fixed keyboard or detachable keyboard.

Microsoft Office including. Word, Excel, PowerPoint. In early 2016 our agreement with Microsoft will allow students to access Office 365, which will give them access to Microsoft products for free or at a significant discount.

**Keith Area School does not recommend a specific model or make and families are free to choose a laptop to suit their needs and budget.**

An example of a device which checks the right boxes in terms of being light weight, good battery life, screen size etc. is the **Microsoft Surface Pro or Surface Book.**



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Store product page. On the left is an image of a black Surface Pro 3 tablet with a white Surface Pen. To its right is a red Surface Pro Type Cover keyboard. The page features a red banner at the top left that says "Limited time only: Save \$172.35". The main product is the "Surface Pro 3", priced at "AU\$976.65 incl. GST" (was AU\$1,149.00) with a "save : AU\$172.35". It has a 4.5-star rating from 146 reviews. Below the price is a list of features: "Responsive, bright 12" Full HD+ touchscreen display", "Windows 10 Pro operating system", "Intel i3, i5, or i7 4th Gen available", and "Surface Pen included". A "Limited time only: Save \$172.35 when you buy today." banner is at the bottom of the product section. To the right, the "Surface Pro Type Cover (Red)" is priced at "AU\$161.99 incl. GST" with a 4.5-star rating from 18 reviews. A note says "Keyboard sold separately". At the bottom right, there are color selection swatches for Red, Blue, and Black, with the text "Colour: Red" above them. A "Tweet" button is visible on the left side of the product image.

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Student price  
AU\$161.99 incl. GST

Transform your Surface Pro 3 into a premium laptop with Surface Pro Type Cover. It's enhanced with magnetic stability to keep the Cover steady.

For students, parents and faculty of K-12 schools, or for anyone having difficulty with the verification process, please contact our support team on 1800 267 785 to access your student discount.

Colour: Red

Keyboard sold separately

[www.microsoftstore.com/au](http://www.microsoftstore.com/au)

Prices as of 17/11/2015