ACADEMIC RESOURCES

The Academic Programme at Mater Dei College requires student access to a number of special resources dependent on the particular courses the student undertakes. There are three types of resource that specifically apply to Year 7 students: Hardcopy texts and workbooks, digital copies of texts and software and services associated with the College’s MacBook Programme. Below is a summary of what is involved in each area.

Hardcopy texts and workbooks:
The College’s preferred bookseller is Campion Education who have sourced the requirements for next year and have provided an online means of ordering the items, including stationery, which will then be delivered to your home. The booklist is available on the College website and may be used to purchase items by printing out the booklist, completing it and then either posting the form to Campion Education at 7 Oxleigh Drive Malaga 6090 before Monday 30 December or taking it to a Campion Education store (in Malaga or Willetton).

The best way to guarantee you will receive all items is to order online at www.campion.com.au using the online code ARPU and supplying your home delivery address. Home delivery is free for Mater Dei College students provided orders are received by Monday 30 December. Please note: some items come with a digital version which can be loaded onto the student’s MacBook and some items are to be paid direct to Campion but will be provided to students by the College at the appropriate time. In addition, some items, such as safety glasses and certain workbooks, can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Details are in the booklist.

Digital Delivery:
To take advantage of access to personal computing devices, a number of items will be provided digitally through the College MacBook programme. Depending on the licensing conditions these will either be paid for as part of a booklist purchase (see above) or will be supplied through the College’s site licensing programme. Resources delivered through this programme will be charged directly and will appear on the School Fee Statement. A list of these resources will be available on the College website early in the school year under the heading “Digital Delivery”.

College MacBook Programme:
Since 2010, the College has operated a MacBook Programme to provide students with up-to-date digital resources for use in all subjects. The College has built up a significant infrastructure to support this Programme, along with more general information technology resources. The Programme is based on the MacBook Pro line of computers. Although previously the College nominated a single company to supply and maintain the computers, from 2014 the Programme will be a “Bring Your Own Defined Device” (BYODD) arrangement allowing parents to source their child’s device from any company they wish. The Programme involves a specific College Operating Environment (COE) which will be “imaged” onto the supplied device to ensure all students have access to the resources and support provided by the College. This is compulsory for all students in Years 7 – 10.

The minimum requirement for a device to qualify for the College MacBook Programme is a 13inch MacBook Pro with 2.5GHz processor, 500GB hard drive and 4GB RAM. The College also recommends an external USB drive (at least 500GB) for backup and a hard case carry bag. Purchase of the extra AppleCare Warranty extending cover to 3 years is strongly recommended. As not all forms of damage are covered by warranty, parents should insure the devices either through their Home and Contents Insurance or via a separate Technology Insurer.

As part of the BYODD Programme, faulty devices are taken to the College IT Department to identify the type of repair. COE-related problems are dealt with in-house. If warranty/insurance-related, the parent is responsible for delivery to and collection from an Apple Authorised Repair Centre. The College has a relationship with MacWorx (Delage St, Joondalup) as a local supplier and authorised repairer so parents will be directed to them for the repair. MacWorx can carry out both AppleCare work and work authorised by an insurance company so parents may wish to also purchase their child’s MacBook from them. A MacBook Pro Bundle has been negotiated.

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