



ISCT Technology Levy 2024

In 2022, the Board of Governors took a considered decision to introduce a Technology Levy. From 2024, the parents of any year 9 students who have been at ISCT from year 4 will be eligible to take over the ownership of their child’s device (iPad) at the end of the year or donate it to an outreach partner identified by the school.

Why

Technology has become firmly embedded in the school learning environment and our initial iPad rollout program over the past few years has been a great success. It has proven particularly useful in facilitating continued engagement and instruction over the events of the past two years. These devices facilitate learning in a host of different ways allowing for innovative, creative teaching and learning opportunities that encourage 21st century skills in line with global best practice.

Who

This levy has been targeted by student requirements:

In Early Years, KS1 and Yr3, there will be a bank of iPads available- approximately 1 device per every 2 learners per grade. **Yr4 to Yr9** students will enjoy the use of a dedicated device, with the Technology levy scaling accordingly. **Yr10 to A-Level** students will not pay a levy and we are adopting a mandatory Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) approach for this group, with further information and minimum/ recommended spec requirements attached to this letter.

How Much

The annual levy is determined primarily by the cost of the device, with related insurance, software updates and support built in. While the school takes on the financing risks involved in direct bulk purchasing, there are substantial cost efficiencies to this approach, which are passed along to parents. The Technology Levy for 2024 will remain the same as in 2023 and will be applied per student as follows:

	per Annum
Yr4-Yr9 2024 Technology Levy per Student	R4 068
Yr3 2024 Technology Levy per Student	R2 034
Early Years & KS1 2024 Technology Levy per Student	R1 878



Year 10 to A Level students: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Technology is an integral part of daily life and learning. From the start of Year 10 (January 2024), students from Year 10 and up are required to bring their own laptop to school every day. Parents should document the serial number and insure the laptop for loss or damage in the unlikely event that there is an issue. We recommend providing a padded case to prevent laptop damage.

The laptop can be any brand or model (e.g. Samsung, Apple, Dell...) as long as it has a battery life that allows it to work through the school day without the need to be recharged. This is typically a 3-cell battery, and often, an older laptop can have the battery upgraded.

It also needs to have updated antivirus software, a web browser, and acceptable storage in case the student needs to use other applications. If you do not currently have a laptop, and you are planning on purchasing one, we recommend the following specifications:

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Laptop Specs BYOD Yr 10 & above	Minimum Specs	Recommended Specs
CPU	Intel i3/i5 - 7th Gen or newer	Intel i5/ i7 - 8th Gen or newer
Memory	4GB/ 8GB Ram	8GB Ram
Hard Drive	256GB SSD	512GB SSD
Battery	6 Hour Battery Life	8 Hour Battery Life
Screen Size	15" Screen	15" Screen
Resolution	1366 x 768	1920 x 1080

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 10/11 or the latest IOS with all security updates; must be in English

AntiVirus programs: Symantec, Trend Micro, Avira, McAfee, Malwarebytes, Sophos



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** We also ask that all students bring their own headphones to class. The school does not provide headphones for hygiene reasons.

The laptop must have a working WiFi connection, to connect to the internet via the school infrastructure, using their standard login credentials. Please note that this is a managed connection, and students should be aware that all transactions on school infrastructure are potentially traceable.

Thank you once again for supporting your child in their education as they learn how to learn in a digitally connected world.

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