



Laptops at St Hilda's Collegiate School



Recommended Laptop for Year 9 – 13 (2023) is: **Macbook Air 13" 250GB M1** or greater.
(Or greater means a bigger hard drive or higher specifications but the recommended laptops are all that is needed for Education programmes at St Hilda's)

NOTE: The Macbook Air (250GB) M1 is the entry level Macbook. (Other modern Mac laptops would also be able to be used as long as they can run MacOS, Big Sur or Monterey)

From Cyclone Computers you can purchase the computer only or a special bundle deal – options are:

Macbook Air M1 Image Bundle

- 1 x Macbook Air M1 13" 8GB, 250GB SSD
- 1 x St Hilda's Software Installation
- 1 x 3 year Extended Warranty (add to Manufacturers 12m Wty)

Macbook Air M1 Full Bundle – Includes:

- 1 x Macbook Air 13" 8GB, 250GB SSD
- 1 x Black Sleeve
- 1 x USB-C to USB Adapter
- 1 x 2.5INCH USB 3.0 1TB External HDD
- 1 x St. Hilda's Software Installation
- 1 x 3 year Extended Warranty (add to Manufacturers 12m Wty)

Other computer options may be available through the Store Portal.

Backup for locally stored data on an SSD Drive critical. If an SSD drive fails there is little chance of retrieving data.

Apple Computers have a backup solution called Time Machine. Easy to set up and use. Information here - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201250>
iCloud can also be used to back up computer data. This is a subscription service offered by Apple.

Model Selection

Both models do everything we require of them for our teaching and learning programmes.
Both models are available with higher specification and larger hard drives – but extra cost.

Purchasing Process

Purchases are through Cyclone's online ordering site (requires a password)

The address is: <https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/school/index>

Choose St Hilda's Collegiate from the drop-down menu and log in.

Username: sthildas

Password: cobden2025

Cyclone Computers contact:

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Additional Information

The school provides some additional software your daughter will need. Once a laptop is purchased through Cyclone Computers the computer will be loaded with the school system. Additional personal software is not supported by the school IT team.

We do not allow mobile internet connection devices such as Vodems or T-Sticks brought to school as the school is required to provide content filtered Internet for students. This includes the boarding hostel.

Specified devices all have very good battery life for in class use. Students are expected to start each day with enough power to last through the school day as charging is not readily available at school.

If you prefer to buy elsewhere you can buy any Apple laptop that you choose. Please bring it to the school for software installation before it is used.

Laptops are used in school primarily as an education device. Laptops should not contain material not suited to the school environment and should be used in accordance with the agreement signed by students.

The school has some loan computers available for hardship situations. Hardship loans are handled very discreetly. Please contact the Principal Mrs Jackie Barron directly if you need to discuss this option.

The school provides technical support in liaison with Cyclone Computers. If you experience problems, please bring your laptop to the eLearning Office at school in the *first instance*.

Please email **David Young** if you have any questions: dyoung@shcs.school.nz

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